



The SCALE

Opening

Share Highs/Lows since the last time you met or How has God surprised you this past week?

What thought/learning has stayed with you from last sermon about the scale?

Discussion

Have you ever felt caught in a cycle of comparison, either feeling superior or inferior to others?

How has the pressure to achieve and/or amass slipped into your relationship with God? Is your relationship with God based upon how you are performing?

The sermon contrasts "LAW" (achievement) with "LIVE BY FAITH" (grace). How does this shift in perspective change how we view ourselves and our relationship with God?

When have you felt the closest to God? What was the circumstance surrounding that sensation and how would you describe that feeling to others?

In times of difficulty and struggle, where do you go, spiritually? Do you get angry with God, or do you blame yourself?

Read Romans 5:1-11

How do Paul's words connect to the concept of abiding in grace, and how can this be lived out practically in our day-to-day lives?

In what ways can an emphasis on grace change your perspective on your spiritual journey?

What are some ways we can support each other in breaking free from the "ruler" and embracing God's grace?

Wrap Up

Pray as a group for each other and for your study of God's Word.
(If no one feels comfortable, pray the Lord's Prayer together.)