

## At The Movies: Top Gun: Maverick | Week 1

### Introduction

God pulled the ultimate maverick move in Jesus—offering grace we could never earn. The Christian life isn't about achieving but receiving. Jesus offers us freedom from our past, power in our present, and hope for our future.

### Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- When have you been part of a team where someone's humility or courage made a big difference? What happened?
- This week's message talked about receiving instead of achieving. Which spiritual rhythm (Such as prayer, Scripture, worship, rest) helps you most to pause and receive from God?

### Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

### [Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

### Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. Why do you think grace is so difficult to receive?
2. **{Optional idea for conversation.** Feel free to take this option or skip over to question #3. For a deeper dive on the topic of Grace, watch [the Bible Project video](#) and discuss the Reflect questions on the page.}
3. In your own words, what does it mean that following Jesus is more about *receiving* than *achieving*?
4. When have you needed courage to let go of something?
5. Read [Philippians 3:13-14](#).
  - a. Paul says he forgets "what is behind." What's something in your past—good or bad—that's easy for you to get stuck on?
  - b. What does "straining toward what is ahead" look like in everyday life for a follower of Jesus? How is this different from "earning" or "achieving?"
  - c. Paul talks about the "goal" and "prize" in Christ. What do you think he means by that?
6. What is one step you can take this week to move forward in faith—toward what God has for you?

## Prayer (5 minutes)

In [Matthew 6:9-13](#), Jesus gives a model of how to pray in a way that connects us to God, aligns our priorities with His, and helps us live dependently on Him. This model is called The Lord's Prayer. Close your group time by praying [the Lord's Prayer](#) together.

## Announcements (5 minutes)

- Did you invite a friend to join you for church this weekend? Who will you invite to join you next week?
- Check out the [Loving God, Loving People podcast](#) to dive deeper into the conversation!