

## Grace: *Sunday's Coming*

### THE POINT

God will make every wrong right.

### INTRO

**NOTE:** *The video is a little longer than usual. It runs about 20 minutes, so keep your intro tight to give your small groups plenty of time.*

Out of the 52 church Sundays in a year, which Sunday is the most attended? Easter. That's right. Why is that? Seriously, think about it. People know there's something special about that day—whether that's because they are searching for something themselves or simply because their mothers are forcing them to go to church. People gather in record numbers to hear about the Easter story.

This upcoming Sunday is Easter, but before we get to Sunday, we have to live through the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the story. Let's check out tonight's message, *Sunday's Coming*.

### **CLOSE NOTE: THIS CLOSE IS VERY DIFFERENT!**

**Prep:** Please bring your Worship team and Switch leaders up to date for this close. Rehearse the timing of the band cues and transitions during the video. Gather and pass out a stack of post cards to each Switch Leader—at least one post card per student. Have extras nearby. Ensure that each seat has an ink pen (or two even) in the seat back pockets.

- *The Worship band will take the stage toward the last 8 minutes of the video and play under the video. You will take the stage during Garrett's prayer.*
- *In the video, Garrett goes through the call for hands. As always, you will pick it up by seeing the hands raised in the room. Acknowledge each hand. As you're seeing hands, be encouraging students of God's love and the importance of this decision. Lead students in the prayer to receive Salvation.*
- *Rejoice about the decision.*
- *The band should bring the volume of the music down for you to speak with students. **Before dismissing to Switch Groups, communicate this:***

In just a minute, we are going to our Switch Groups. But first, we're going to do something a little different.

You should be receiving a post card right now from your Switch Leader. Tonight, we heard a message that was not your typical Easter message. It challenged us to face the guarantee that **in life you will have trouble**. If you didn't get that, you missed it tonight.

You are going to take a moment to reflect on your past, your present, and consider your future as the Worship band plays this song over us. On that post card, answer this question: When

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you face unimaginable trouble, pain, and grief in life—and you will—what is one thing that is true and unchanging about God? What will you choose to believe about God?

It can be a prayer. It can be a paragraph of thoughts. It can be the lyrics to a worship song. Whatever it is, we are taking this moment to store up encouragement and certainty about what we know to be true of our God, even in the midst of trouble. Grab your post card and take a few minutes to reflect on those questions.

- Band will play *Resurrecting*.
- At the end of the song, pray with students. Pray the truth that God is for us and not against us. Remind students that God will never leave us or forsake us to face life's troubles alone and in our own power but that He gives us His power and His presence to make it through because He has ultimately overcome the world.
- Dismiss students to Switch Groups as the band closes out the music.