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# COMMITTEE STUDY

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## Prayer

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Gracious God, thank you for calling us to serve you,  
and to lead a congregation for those so in need of your love and grace.  
You've called us to be a place where people can live in love,  
and where people can experience your presence.  
So be with us as we make decisions tonight.  
Help us to seek your wisdom over mere human wisdom,  
your logic over common logic,  
and your guidance over the guidance of convention and convenience.  
Help us to be your servants serving collaboratively and cooperatively,  
seeking unity of heart and mind,  
so that we can lead our church with your guidance, grace, and love. Amen

## **M. Scott Peck, *The Road Less Travelled***

But for the moment let me suggest that one of the reasons we fail to take full advantage of grace is that we are not fully aware of its presence—that is, we don't find valuable things not sought for, because we fail to appreciate the value of the gift when it is given us. In other words, serendipitous events occur to all of us, but frequently we fail to recognize their serendipitous nature; we consider such events quite unremarkable, and consequently we fail to take full advantage of them.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What Keeps us from being fully aware of grace's presence?
- What would we need to do in our church to make decisions and lead others that are fully immersed in grace?

