# Cycles of Grace in a driven world

#### Winter

- Cold & bleak
- Trees stripped
- Fields bare
- Harsh weather
- Life reduced, hidden
- Purifying
- Seeing further
- pregnancy

Jesus: Death & Burial

Different aspects of life can be in different seasons Every season has some sense of leading to the next



#### **Spring**

Warming

Emerging growth

More light, colour

New life visible

Moving outward

Greater hope & energy

birth - new life

Jesus: born / resurrection

#### **Autumn**

- Cooler weather
- Growth has stopped
- · Last fruits gathered
- Tidying up
- Preparing for harsher times
- Drawing back & Letting go
- Growing emptiness
- Longing for life

Jesus: into Jerusalem - facing the cross

#### **Summer**

Heat

Fullness of life

Ease & Enjoyment

Thankfulness

Scorching - care

needed

maturing

Jesus: fruitful ministry

Which season(s) is (are) active for you at present?

Each aspect contributes to the journey of faith and life

#### Week 4

God in my total abandonment of myself to God)

New life after death

Grace of life coming to me (from beyond all I am)

Grace of mutual love and joy (God is me and I am)

Different aspects of life can be in different stages and needing and offering different graces.

#### Week 3

Being present to selfsacrifice
Challenge of remaining
committed to God's
dream
Grace of presence to
suffering
Grace of suffering with

Grace of faithfulness at

the limits of life

Qinciple & Foundary, God's Grace

### Unconditional Love

Dream for creation

Dream for each person

#### Week 1

Facing opposite of grace - sin in creation
Grace - to face hard truth
Grace of knowing I matter more to God than my faults and failures

#### Week 2

Called into relationship with Jesus
& to share his mission
Grace to know Jesus in my life
Grace of relationship
Grace of personal call / mission

What graces might you need and gain?

Which aspect(s) is (are) active for you at present?

## **Dynamic Cycle**

