



Faces of Grace

Week 2 - March 11th

Grace Has a Name

REMINDER - LifeGroup Leader meeting March 18th, after service. If you are interested in leading again for the spring session it is important to attend this meeting. Please invite your co-leaders and those who have potential to be future leaders.

Announcements: *(please read at the beginning of group time)*

1. Winter Lifegroup session ends the week of March 11.
2. **Team Night, Wednesday, March 21 - everyone on a Sunday serve team, should attend.**
3. **Good Friday Service March 30th at 6:30pm, Easter Sunday, 9am and 11am**
4. Spring LifeGroup Fair and Launch, April 8th.

Overview

Read: We can confuse the two concepts grace and mercy and as a result lose the power of Grace. Mercy is “*not getting what we deserve*”, and this definition sounds a lot like the traditional definition of Grace which is “*unmerited favor*”. But what if we understood grace as a person, and Grace is found in the person of Jesus.

Get the Conversation Started:

Ask: Can a few people share their testimony of what their life looked before they met Jesus and how Jesus has changed them?

Get in the Word:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:10 This is the apostle Paul writing to the church in Corinth (a city in modern day Turkey) What do you think Paul is saying here?
2. Re-read 1 Corinthians 15:10 but replace when it says “the Grace” with “Jesus”. Does this help you understand Grace has a name?

Live it Out:

1. Last week we talked about how Grace is divine enablement. Meaning it is Jesus doing the work in our life. This week we understand that Grace is found in Jesus. Have a few people who have not shared their testimony share what their life was when Jesus found them.

2. Like the women at the well, or the woman caught in adultery, or like the thief on the cross, they encountered Jesus but they also found grace. Talk about these encounters. What condition was the person in when Jesus found them. What was the focus on the conversation, what was the result of the interaction with Jesus. Can you relate?
3. We said, “**God’s grace finds us when we don’t deserve it, but God’s grace does not keep us as he finds us.**” Have we really experienced grace or Jesus if our lives do not change? Is Jesus in our life if we go on sinning?
4. It was said, “**Grace changes your life, and changes your living.**” and “**Grace is living in partnership with His presence.**” Are these true statements? Why? And how are you living this out?

We are Better Together:

1. Ask: How did the skit in service, impact you? Does this change the way you view prayer?

Pray:

This week, include in your prayer time the focus around allowing God’s grace to be more evident in our lives so we can display to the world who Jesus is.

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