



Faces of Grace

Week 1 - March 4th

Grace to be Distinct

Overview

Read: Understanding God's grace is crucial. If we misunderstand His grace we can end up with hang up and habits that steal our joy and peace. This week we looked at Grace as the divine ability to live differently than those who are in the world. Our call from Jesus is to live *distinct*, having our lives reflect the characteristic and qualities of Jesus. If we live like the world people will see the world, if we live like Jesus, people will see Jesus.

Get the Conversation Started:

Ask: What stood out to you most about the message on grace and why?

Get in the Word:

1. What do you think it means that we are saved by Grace and not by our works? (Eph 2:8-9).
2. What do you think it means when Jesus says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9).
3. Read Romans 8 - Have the group take turns reading a paragraph at a time. If someone feels uncomfortable reading let them pass. What stood out most to you in this text?
4. Read again Romans 8:37. Does this encourage you?

Live it Out:

1. On the scale from 1-10, 10 being you are a perfect image of Jesus, and 1 is you look just like the world, how would you rate yourselves and why.
2. What are some things that you can eliminate out of your life that hinders you representing Jesus well. What are some things you can add to your day to have more of Jesus in your life.
3. Remember His power is made perfect in your weakness. You don't have to be strong, you just need to let Jesus be strong for you. Do you struggle with being weak? Do you know how to let Jesus be strong in your life? As the group share some ideas on allowing Jesus to be strong in you.

We are Better Together:

1. Ask: How can we be and encouragement to each other this week? Living with more of God's grace to overcome and live differently than the world.
2. Share with the group how you want them to support you this week. Do you need to stop trying to do it on your own. Do you need to ask Jesus for more of his strength in your life? Do you need

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3. greater courage to be *distinct* to the world around you? Do you need your group to hold you accountable?

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.

Announcements:

1. Winter Lifegroup session ends on the week of March 11.
2. Team night March 21st
3. **We need more groups**, make sure you are training leaders, so you make more room for people. (Leader Tip: ask someone else to lead your group next week)
4. Spring LifeGroup Launch, April 8th.

Community Transformation Grants - *4 Grants have already been given this session, apply for your grant this week.*

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