
Grace: God's utter devotion and stubborn resolve to love you.

Three Things Grace Does

1. Grace covers our unbelief.
Ezekiel 26:36
2. Grace reminds us we are not alone. Job 10:10; Psalm 139:1-16;
John 20
3. Grace allows us to understand Jesus' desire for us.
John 15:16-17

The “yeah but” question: You don't know what I have done, it's too bad or too frequent, or too secret?

A: Jesus chose you and offered forgiveness to you before you ever new Him. Romans 5:6-8

Why Be Baptized?

Obedience. Matthew 28:19-20

Identification. Romans 6:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Celebration. Acts 2:38-41

Life Group Questions

For week of April 19, 2015

Welcome, to prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect, encourage one another to grow and to see God change your lives from the inside out!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is one thing you are looking forward to this spring?

How often do you hear someone use your full name? Do you like your name? What name would you choose for yourself.

What about this week's message did you like or have questions about?

Going Deeper

Read John 20:1-2.

Jesus previously told His followers five times that He was going to die, but He would also come back to life. Even though Mary heard Jesus say those things, she doubted the words of Jesus.

Have you ever doubted God or what He said in the Bible?

What is one thing that has caused you to believe God more?

What's something that's made you believe God less?

God is not scared of our questions and He's big enough to handle our doubts.

Read Mark 9:20-24.

How much did the boy's father believe Jesus could heal his son?

How much did he want to believe Jesus?

Have you ever prayed something similar, like, "I believe you, God. Help me believe you more"?

Read John 20:3-14.

When was one time you felt abandoned by God or abandoned by other Christians?

Mary's pain and doubt was so great that it caused her to think she was alone, but Jesus was with her. Have you ever had a moment when you realized Jesus was with you even when you didn't think He was?

Have you ever prayed for God to do something even when you weren't sure if you believed in God?

How does God's Grace: God's utter devotion and stubborn resolve to love you help you to risk believing?

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it will happen:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Best Year Ever Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I pray that you would work in me that I might reflect you more.
I pray that you work for me that I may be blessed by you.
I pray that you work through me that I may be an instrument of your love and grace.
I give you permission to work in me, for me and through me according to your purpose
Amen