

## GRACE UNLEASHED | WEEK 1

**Title:** Then And Now

**Date:** September 19, 2021

**Verses:** Mark 4:35-41



### NOTE TO THE HOST

Welcome to our first week of our new series: Grace Unleashed! This is a revamp of our annual series focusing on our vision to “Unleash Grace to Tempe and beyond as we Grow, Reach, Adore, Connect, and Engage”.

### ICEBREAKER

- What is the most daring thing you have ever done? What made it so daring?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes or reflection on this weekend’s message, was there anything said that resonated with you, challenged you, or moved you? What was your one takeaway from Sunday’s message?
2. The heart of Grace Community is that we become a people who Grow, Reach, Adore, Connect, and Engage. The heart of this comes from Matthew 28:19-20. When you think of these 5 elements and read this passage, is there an area that sticks out to you? An area you want to prioritize this semester?
3. The Gospel of Mark highlights Jesus from the perspective of a humble servant. Have you ever considered Jesus this way? In what ways does that reality impact your life?
4. Have you ever been in the middle of a storm? What was your response in it? How did you navigate it?
5. Talking storms and peace, Pastor Des shared, “You might not be responsible for where you are right now, but you are response-able!” Have you been in a situation where you weren’t responsible *for* the storm, but you had a choice to respond *in* it? Were you able to have peace in the situation?
6. What is a storm in your life right now? How can we as a group lean into with you? What else might you need to be able to respond in it?

### PRAYER

- Go around and allow people to share requests.
- Encourage people to share any and all praise reports!
- Consider having someone write out the requests to share with the group to pray and reflect on this week.
- Take the time to pray however long your group needs and feels comfortable. Whether everyone prays for each other or only a few people pray, feel out what is best for your group.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blood Drive** | September 27th | 2:00-7:00pm | Register at [bloodhero.com](http://bloodhero.com)
- **Prayer Gathering** | September 30th | 6:30-7:30pm
- **Baptism Class** | October 10th | Register at [graceaz.com/nextsteps](http://graceaz.com/nextsteps)
- **Baptisms** | October 24th | Register at [graceaz.com/nextsteps](http://graceaz.com/nextsteps)