

Grace Extended

START: (10 min)

1. How was your week?
2. Conversation Starter (*optional*): What is your favorite rainy weekend activity?

GOSPEL: GRACE. Grace is an unmerited, unearned, undeserved, unreasonable favor. It is a gift from the Lord.

1. Read the following Scriptures. What does each Scripture say about grace?
 - 2 Corinthians 8:7
 - 2 Peter 3:18
 - Colossians 4:6
 - 1 Peter 4:10-11
 - Ephesians 4:29-30
2. Think about the words and tone of your voice in some of your more recent conversations. Has grace been present or absent? What did that look like?
3. What makes giving grace to others so hard? Anything specific?
4. What strategies can we adopt that will help us become more grace-filled?

Hints:

Read Colossians 3:12-14 (remembering what God has done) and Hebrews 4:16 (where we go to get refilled with grace)

5. Read Lamentations 3:40-41. Take a moment and do a self inventory:
 - Grace vs Offended
 - Grace vs Judgmental
 - Grace vs Critical
 - Grace vs Disagreeable

How do you assess yourself?