

“Amazing Grace”

Romans 5:20,21

A definition:

Grace is _____ favor.

A distinction:

Mercy is _____ getting what you _____ deserve.

Grace is _____ what you _____
deserve. (Rom. 5:20)

Getting personal:

1. You can't _____ God's _____
and _____. (Lk. 23:33,39-43)

2. So _____ them with others who need them.

Discussion Questions

1. Share a story about getting something really nice that you didn't feel you deserved? How did receiving it make you feel? Now share a story of when you gave something really nice to someone who didn't deserve it. How did that make you feel?
2. Grace, like mercy, is easy to want for yourself, but often very difficult to dispense to others. Why is that? What is your biggest struggle in showing grace to others? Should this struggle be overcome, and if so, how can it be?
3. Read the story of the woman caught in adultery in John 8:2-11. Note: This story is not in the earliest Greek manuscripts and many scholars think that it is possibly a true story that was added later to John's Gospel. But that's not our main consideration here. :-) Imagine being this woman. How would you have felt and acted in light of Jesus' mercy and grace shown to you? How would you have felt and acted due to the lack of mercy and grace shown to you by the crowd?
4. How does imagining yourself in someone else's situation (like the adulterous woman's situation) affect your desire to show grace?
5. Read about Saul (Paul) in Acts 7:58 to 8:1 and 9:1,2. Now read 1 Tim. 1:12-17 about how, in spite of being so wicked, the apostle Paul had received mercy and grace. What was his response to receiving this mercy and grace? How have you found yourself responding to God's mercy and grace? How should you respond to His mercy and grace?
6. Have fun imagining and describing some everyday scenarios where grace is dispensed on the undeserving, and how that results in a ripple affect of grace to others (use your imagination on this one to create some "ideal" affects of the ripple affect of grace).



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