

Small Group Guide: See Jesus, Receive Grace

Main Sermon Scripture 1 Peter 1:10-16

Additional Key Scripture

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." — 2

Corinthians 3:18

Key Takeaways

1. Christianity is About Relationship, Not Religion

- We're not just following moral guidelines; we're in a relationship with Jesus who is "full of grace and truth"
- From His fullness, we continually receive "grace upon grace"

2. Revelation of Jesus Releases Grace

- When the cover is removed and we see Jesus clearly, grace is released
- Grace doesn't just forgive us; it empowers us to become like Christ
- We need fresh revelations of Jesus throughout our Christian walk

3. Grace Transforms Hearts, Not Just Behavior

- Grace isn't permission to sin or acceptance of defeat
- Grace empowers transformation from the inside out
- Where sin abounds, grace superabounds even more

4. Our Minds Must Stay Fixed on Jesus

- "Gird up the loins of your mind" — our thoughts are reproductive

- What we focus on is what gets reproduced in our lives
 - Rest your hope fully on the grace being brought through Jesus' revelation
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Discussion Questions

Section 1: Understanding Grace

1. The sermon defined grace as "God's undeserved, unearned gift of Himself to us." How does this definition differ from how you previously understood grace?
2. Discuss the three false views of grace mentioned:
 - Grace as permission to live defeated
 - Grace as license to sin
 - Grace as dangerous (requiring anger/control)

Which of these have you encountered or struggled with personally?

3. The sermon states: "Grace isn't opposed to works; it's opposed to merit." What does this mean practically in your daily walk with God?
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Section 2: Revelation of Jesus

4. Pastor Clay shared that revelation (apokalupsis) means "to take off the cover." When has the Holy Spirit removed a cover and helped you see Jesus in a new way? What changed after that moment?
 5. Read John 14:21 together. Jesus promises to "manifest (openly reveal)" Himself to those who love and obey Him. How can we position ourselves to receive fresh revelations of Jesus?
 6. The sermon says, "Every church program is ultimately to bring you into a revelation of Jesus or it's pointless." How does this challenge the way you view church activities, Bible studies, or even this small group?
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Section 3: Grace in Parenting and Relationships

7. The sermon applied gospel grace to parenting with six principles:
 - Grace targets the heart, not just behavior

- Grace levels the ground (we're all recipients)
- Grace frees your identity
- Grace redeems correction
- Grace shapes home culture
- Grace reassigns the role (you're not the savior)

How can these principles apply not just to parenting, but to all our relationships—friendships, marriage, work, ministry?

8. "What your kids experience daily becomes what they believe God is like." How does this truth challenge or encourage you about the way you interact with others?

Section 4: Living in Grace

9. The sermon mentions that many try to "bring something to God only to fail" before experiencing transforming grace. Have you experienced this pattern? What brought you to the place of surrender?
10. Read Romans 5:17. What does it mean practically to "reign in life" through the abundance of grace? What would this look like in your current circumstances?
11. "Faith accesses and experiences what revelation sees." What revelation of Jesus do you currently see that you need to exercise faith to access and experience?

Section 5: Holiness Through Grace

12. The sermon ends with the call to be holy because God is holy. How does grace lead us into holiness rather than away from it?
13. "We become holy only by worshiping and receiving His life." How is this different from trying to achieve holiness through effort and rule-keeping?

Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge: Choose ONE of the following

Option 1: Daily Revelation Seeking

- Each morning this week, pray: "Holy Spirit, give me a fresh revelation of Jesus today. Help me see Him in my circumstances."
- Journal one thing you learned about Jesus each day
- Share with the group next week

Option 2: Mind Renewal Exercise

- Identify one area where your thoughts have been "loose" (anxiety, fear, negativity, comparison)
- Write out 3-5 scriptures that reveal Jesus' character related to that area
- When negative thoughts come, "gird up" your mind by speaking these truths
- Practice fixing your thoughts on Jesus in that specific area

Option 3: Grace in Relationships

- Choose one relationship where you've been focused on behavior management rather than heart transformation
- Pray for a revelation of how Jesus sees that person
- Practice one of the grace principles from the parenting section this week
- Note what changes in you and in the relationship

Option 4: Means of Grace

- The sermon mentions "means of grace" (worship, prayer, Word, fasting, fellowship, communion, evangelism, acts of mercy)
- Choose one you've been neglecting
- Intentionally engage with it this week, not as duty but as a way to encounter Jesus
- Ask: "Jesus, will You reveal Yourself to me through this?"

Closing Reflection

Pair up or share as a group:

- What is one revelation of Jesus you received during this discussion?
- How do you sense God's grace being extended to you right now?
- What is one specific way you want to respond this week?

Closing Prayer

Pray for one another, asking the Holy Spirit to:

- Give fresh revelations of Jesus throughout the week
- Release grace for specific struggles or needs mentioned
- Transform hearts from the inside out
- Help the group "reign in life" through the abundance of grace