

Sermon Discussion Questions

A House of Grace – Matt Slocum
19 February 2023
Sermon Text: John 8:2-11
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AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

In the final week of our sermon series Building the House, Pastor Matt discusses the radicalness of Grace in his sermon, **A House of Grace**. We will be discussing what grace actually means and unpacking how it can be so easy to stand on the side of the accusers when someone fails or falls, yet grace stands with the accused regardless of the circumstance. It isn't always easy to give grace, but it is always aligned with the heart of Christ when we do.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week, you were asked to think of steps you could take to know God more and be known by Him. Share what steps you took.
2. What stood out to you from this week's sermon?
3. The primary thing God wants us to know about Him is in Exodus 34:6 - He is full of mercy and grace. What does this mean to you?
4. Grace will mess with you. Have you seen grace extended when it didn't fit with your ideas of right and wrong? How did that make you feel?
5. Grace stands with the accused. Has there been a time when you or someone you know was accused? Did someone stand with you? Which side did you stand on? Thinking of what you've learned about grace, would you have done anything differently?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What's your favorite Bible verse?
2. What was the last thing to pleasantly surprise you?
3. What is the weirdest job you have heard of?

6. Grace forces you to be real. Have you been confronted with a circumstance that forced you to be honest with yourself? Did you run or did you face the mirror?

APPLICATION

Grace is stronger than sin. Even when we ourselves don't react with grace, God extends His grace to us. This week, ask God to show you what areas of your life require repentance and acceptance of His grace. Come next week prepared to share.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Vision Sunday, 26 February 2023, 9 and 11 am, Oak Park HS

MOVE Sermon Series, 5-26 March 2023, 9 and 11 am, Oak Park HS

Youth White Out Winter Camp, 17-19 March 2023, Crooked Creek Ranch, Fraser, CO

Men's Vineyard Regional Retreat, 27-29 April 2023, Riverside Bible Camp, Story City, IA. See website for registration details. <https://nwckc.com/men>

Selah Women's Retreat, 5-6 May 2023, Heartland Retreat Center, Parkville, MO

FINAL THOUGHT

In the presence of grace, you will either get real or you will leave.