



January 7, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. Grace's mission statement is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus. How would you define a growing relationship with Jesus?

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

1. Review the message –
 - a. Our mission (what we do) is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus.
 - b. Our strategy (how we do it) is to create a church unchurched people love to attend and encourage all to love God, live in community, and serve the world.
 - c. We will never stop thinking about outsiders and always assume they are in the room. We do this because we are called to love the outsider.
 - d. Three simple ways you can begin to be a part of this mission are to serve on a team, join a group, or do daily time with God.
2. As you read through the message review, what excites you about being a part of Grace Bible Church? Is there anything in here you have questions about? (Leader note: If you don't know how to answer a particular question, that's okay! Let them know you'll ask a staff member and get back to them!)
3. Read Acts 15:1-19
 - a. How do you summarize in your own words what is happening in this passage?
 - b. Why do you think some Jews still wanted to require Gentiles to be circumcised to become Christians?
 - c. In verse 19, Paul says we should not make it difficult for people to know God. What are some ways Christians make it difficult for people to know Jesus?
 - d. There is a tension in scripture that exists. We are called to holiness, to run away from sin, and encourage others to do the same. We are also called to love the outsider and not judge those who don't know Jesus. How do you practically hold these two ideas in tension with each other?
 - e. In what areas do you find yourself being more judgmental towards people who don't know Jesus instead of loving and welcoming?

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1. If you haven't already, there are three next steps we'd encourage everyone at Grace to take. Join a group (good job on already doing that!), serve on a team, or begin daily time with God. Do you feel led to take any one of these steps? If not, is there another next step you can take to become a part of the mission of our church?
2. Pray