

Sharing Grace
Sermon Notes
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I. Beyond Either/Or...

- A. A lot of people seem to think these two words contradict each other: grace and evangelism.
- B. It's as if we think we have to choose one or the other...Are we going to be a grace-centered church or are we going to be an evangelistic church?
- C. Evangelism without grace **misrepresents** the gospel because it replaces the _____ with a treadmill! (Acts 20:24)
- D. Grace without evangelism **misunderstands** the gospel!
- E. Some of us may think we have "discovered grace" when, in fact, what we've really discovered is "escape from law." And this has left us with little motivation for sharing grace!
- F. **Reflection/Discussion Question:** *Think about the churches you have grown up in and been a part of through the years. Have those churches emphasized grace more than evangelism? Or have those churches emphasized evangelism more than grace? Have any of the churches you have been a part of emphasized both grace and evangelism consistently through the years?*

II. How Grace Helps Us Send the Light

- A. **Grace gives us a _____ to share!**
 - 1. The good news is that you can be saved by grace through faith and not by works. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - 2. **Reflection/Discussion Question:** *What are some reasons why Christians are hesitant or reluctant to share the message of God's grace through Jesus to others? Which of those reasons has played a more prominent role in your life?*
- B. **Grace gives us a _____ to wear!**
 - 1. When you are saved by grace, you become God's _____! (Ephesians 2:10)

2. Grace teaches us how to live so that the teaching of God becomes attractive to people. (Titus 2:9-12)
3. **Reflection/Discussion Question:** *Reflect on and describe how God's grace has impacted and is transforming your life. In what ways has God's transforming power in your life opened the door for you to share about God's grace with other people?*

C. **Grace gives us a reason to _____!**

1. If you understand the life and ministry of Jesus, you will care about all kinds of people. (Mark 2:16-17)
2. **Reflection/Discussion Question:** *It is quite common today for unbelievers and unaffiliated believers (those who no longer belong to any church) to think that most Christians don't truly care about people. Are they accurate in their perceptions? How can followers of Jesus show the world that we genuinely care about all people?*

D. **Grace will convict us of the reality of _____!**

1. If you deny "Hell," then you reject grace! (Luke 19:10)
2. **Reflection/Discussion Question:** *In most churches, you don't hear much teaching on "people being lost" and the reality of Hell. Why is that and how does that impact our involvement in evangelism and sharing grace?*

E. **Grace will compel you to live like _____! (II Corinthians 5:14-15)**

1. **Reflection/Discussion Question:** *How does grace motivate us, inspire us, or lead us to live like Jesus? Can you think of times or situations when this has happened for you?*

F. **Grace gives us the boldness to _____! (I Corinthians 15:9-10)**

1. If you believe in grace, by definition, you believe that God supplies what you don't have for each moment or situation! (II Corinthians 3:5)
2. **Reflection/Discussion Question:** *Reflect on your interactions with unchurched people. Have there been times when God has given you the boldness or courage to share about Jesus or initiate a spiritual conversation? Share about those experiences.*