

Connect Group Guide: "Saved By Grace Alone | Acts: Part 19"



Passage: Acts 15:1-35

Sermon Link: <https://youtu.be/HGKgWaTn2KQ>

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What do you understand "grace" to mean?
- Is God's grace alone - which we accept by placing our trust in Jesus - really enough to save us?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

-  I Will Boast In Christ - Hillsong Worship

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Why do you think it can be tempting to add extra layers of requirements to salvation?
- Have you ever questioned another Christian's salvation because of beliefs or actions that they held to?
- What is the relationship between grace and doing good works?

Read: Acts 15:1-35

- The Pharisees said the Gentile believers must be circumcised and are required to keep the law of Moses.
 - What laws or rules that we set for ourselves do we fail to live by?
- Peter replies in verse 8 that God knows people's hearts and showed his acceptance of them through giving his Holy Spirit to them. Both Gentile and Jewish hearts are purified by faith.
 - Do you think your state of heart is more important than your actions? Why?
- Do not put a yoke that no one can bear, the grace of Jesus saves us just as we are.
 - What are some yokes you have unnecessarily put on yourself or others?
- James alludes to the liberty that God's grace brings does not mean one can freely live a sinful life. James attempts to impress a healthy fear of God by stating 3 things that would be good for new Gentile believers to avoid.
 - Have you ever had a challenge one way or the other where you either:
Believed you had to do more than just accept God's grace to be saved
OR
Used your freedom in Christ to live a life that did not glorify God

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- How is God calling you back to the simplicity of His grace without having to add any extras?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Pray that God's grace would become a true reality to those who believe in Jesus.

