

Faith Does.

Why our belief is meant to bless.

Part 1: Goodness Gracious

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Why do we miss the “Good News” of the Kingdom?

1. Too busy
2. Too many opportunities
3. Too many electronics

If you haven't been captured by grace, you can't give it away.

Without encountering the kindness, love and compassion of Jesus, it's really hard to act like him.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. – Galatians 2:20

Grace initiates obedience.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” – John 5:5

Goodness abounds when grace is captured.

Two Challenges

1. If you don't know grace, find out everything about it!

Discover the joy of solitude.

Reflect on God's Word

Verses to start with: Romans 6:23, 11:6; Titus 2:11-12; Ephesians 2:8-9

Read the Gospels

Read books on grace

What's So Amazing about Grace, by Philip Yancey

The Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning

The Grace of God, by Andy Stanley

Grace: More than We Deserve, Better than We Imagine, by Max Lucado

2. Grace is the source of the right action

Matthew 28:18-20 Make disciples

Mark 12:28-31 Love God and your neighbor

Matthew 11:28-30 Rest for the weary

1 Peter 5:17 Humble yourself, cast anxiety on him

James 1:2-3 Pure joy in all circumstances

Small Group Questions

- 1) The Grace of God is core to our faith. Where have you seen grace play out around you?
- 2) In the sermon this weekend we heard, "If you haven't been captured by grace, you can't give grace away." How do you respond to that statement?
- 3) Legalism is the idea that my personal good works are the only way to please God. Have you ever fallen into the legalism trap?
- 4) Conversely, when our good works come as a result of receiving God's grace, we find ourselves in the will of God. Talk about a time when God's grace motivated you to obedience.
- 5) This weekend we were given an opportunity to discover more about grace by reading verses, the gospels, or some books. Which of those hit your heart as a next step in the pursuit of grace?
- 6) How can we pray for your right now and throughout the week?