



“How Do We Get There?”

In this series we have been talking about the two rooms and the reality that Christianity is often portrayed or experienced in two very distinctive places. One is life changing and brings out the best in us, and the other brings out the worst in us. In this week’s message we continue to talk about the “Room of Grace” and ask the question: How do we get there?

1. What would your relationships look like if you could truly be real, to be free to not only show the best parts but the failures too?
2. Why do you think it often seems easier to mask the worst parts and only show the best?
3. How do you think one arrives at the room of grace? Do you think it is possible to live there?

Grace means: The free and unmerited favor of God.

4. Discuss the truth that in the Room of Grace you are not defined by your sin, the sin committed against you, your failures, but instead you are defined by grace. Is this counterintuitive to anything you have been taught or believed to be true?

Read Titus 3:4-7

5. Do you wrestle with the idea that somehow you must do something to earn grace? Why or why not?

Read Romans 8:31-37

According to Paul because Christ died for us we are justified through faith. We are defined by grace and no one or church can judge or condemn you. This isn't based on anything you have done but what He has done for you.

6. Discuss the truth that you can't do anything to earn His grace and that He freely gives it to you.

7. Because of what Jesus did, if we simply trust Him, then His grace is accessible and His life changing spirit is accessible to us. We can live freely in the room of grace. In what ways do your struggles still define you?

8. What do you think it looks like to simply trust that God's grace is for you and that nothing can separate you from His love?

Hebrews 11:6 says: "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."

9. Discuss the idea that when we focus on trying to please God we end up living in stress, striving, proving, and wearing masks. We end up subdued, tired, unsuccessful and fake. How have you seen this true in your life and relationships?

10. Discuss the truth that when we trust Him we please Him. We can live in peace and joy knowing that we please Him which allows us to be who we were meant to be. When have you experienced the peace and joy that comes from trusting Him?

Hebrews 12:1-2 says: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

11. When you fix your eyes on Jesus how does that help you to trust Him? What does it look like to fix your eyes on Him?

12. Will you trust Him?

Will you Trust Him? When you trust Him you don't just start a relationship with Him but you begin to live in relationship with Him. His forgiving, rescuing, transforming, and empowering grace becomes real in your life. Simply trusting Him allows us to live our lives in "The Room Of Grace."

