

Week 3- "Four Identities And Four Graces"

In this series, we discover a couple of areas where we tend to strive to find identity, peace, joy, comfort, and control. In this week's series finale we ask the question: How do I live in God's Kingdom instead of putting my hope and identity in my kingdom?

1. What stood out to you from the message?

2. How would you answer the question: How do I live in God's Kingdom instead of trusting in my own?

Read Luke 12:22-34

3. What does it practically look like to evaluate where your heart is and what you are trusting in? Why is this important to do?

5. Discuss the reality that when God is His rightful place in our hearts everything in our life is in its appropriate place. What do you think this looks like?

In the book "Redeeming Money" Paul David Tripp's shares 4 identities that Christianity seems to give us and how remembering who we are helps us see our money and morality in the proper light.

- 1. Creature. Isaiah 45:18-19, Colossians 1:1
- 2. Sinner. Galatians 5:17, Romans 7:21-24
- 3. Sufferer. Hebrews 2:9-10, Hebrews 4:14
- 4. Saint. Ephesaians 2:18

6. Does knowing who you are help you trust God more? Why or why not?

Paul David Tripp says that "It is only when God is in His rightful place in our hearts that everything is in its appropriate place in our lives...and only powerful grace can accomplish this."

The 4 aspects of Grace God offers us:

- 1. Forgiving Grace.
- 2. Rescuing Grace.
- 3. Transforming Grace. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 4. Empowering Grace. 1 Peter 1:2-3

7. Is there anything in your life that is preventing you from trusting that His grace is for you?

8. What does it say about God's heart that His grace is everything you need to live in His kingdom?

9. What do you think it practically looks like to trust that His grace defines you?

When we accept God's grace, remember His grace, and trust that His grace defines us, everything changes. Grace is all we need to live in His Kingdom where we find the hope, peace, joy, meaning, and the purpose we are looking for. We no longer have to strive to find it in what we have and in what we do.