



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

happenings

Grace Students - Contact Chris Bardon for more info on our middle and high school group: highschoolgcc@gmail.com

THANK YOU! - To all those who helped us clean our beautiful pavilion yesterday! We are all "sanitized" and ready for worship!

LIVE streaming will continue!
A live streaming option will still be available for those who need or prefer to stay home.

Men's Breakfast: Get to know some other men in our Grace Kona family! June 13th, 8am-9:30. BYOB. Bring Your Own Breakfast for now.

Grace Kids: We will not be having Kid's Church until the time is right to do so. But, please take a busy bag for the kids as they sit with you, and do take advantage of Auntie Michelle's online videos for our Grace kids during the week by going to our website.



SERMON NOTES

Don't Miss It — It's about Joy
Andrew Severinsen – an introduction to James

Big Idea: James doesn't want us to miss it. In a highly practical letter, full of challenging commands to live out our faith, we might be tempted to feel like Christianity is a bunch of "have-to's"... Rather, it's an invitation of "get to's" starting with "we get to find our deepest joy in God Himself."

- "Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters" — James 1:2
- The invitation to follow Jesus — my old picture of Christianity vs. my view of Christianity today:
- Possible Misconceptions — Reasons why many of us miss out on experiencing more joy:

GRACE GROUP discussion questions

Whether on your own or with family at home, or with a group in person or online, we pray that you would spend some time in God's Word and in relationships this week.

Spend some time catching up and talking story. Read James.

James 1:1-4 — What is James' encouragement to us? How does it apply to our lives today?

1. According to verse 1, who was the author of this letter? Who was James?
How does he describe himself?

2. Learn more about James - Mark 6:3; John 7:3-5; Acts 1:14; Acts 15:13; Galatians 1:19; 2:9

- How did James and the other brothers feel about Jesus' ministry at first? What changed?
- How was James regarded in the early church?

3. Why do you think James didn't introduce himself as the brother of Jesus? Wouldn't it help to say, "I know what I'm talking about, because I knew Jesus like a brother—in fact, I am His brother"?

4. According to verse 1, who are the recipients of this letter?

5. What does that mean? Why does James say it that way?

6. Learn more about "the scattered" - Acts 1:8; 2:5, 8-11; 8:1

- Where would the followers of Jesus be "witnesses"?
- The people converted at Pentecost (Acts 2) — where were they from?
- According to Acts 8:1-4, what caused the Christians to leave Jerusalem?

7. According to James 1:2 and the following verses, how should we react when times get tough?

8. Why? What is the end result of this "testing"?

9. Do you think people expect God to make them happy? Is that a wrong or bad idea?

Spend some time praying for each other.