



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Aloha! Thank you for joining us this morning. We'd like to get to know you better, visit the Welcome Table and complete a Grace Connect Card.

Nursery and Kids' Church are available. Parents, please sign-in your children at the nursery.

Prayer: *Elders are available to pray with you before, during or after the service if you desire.*

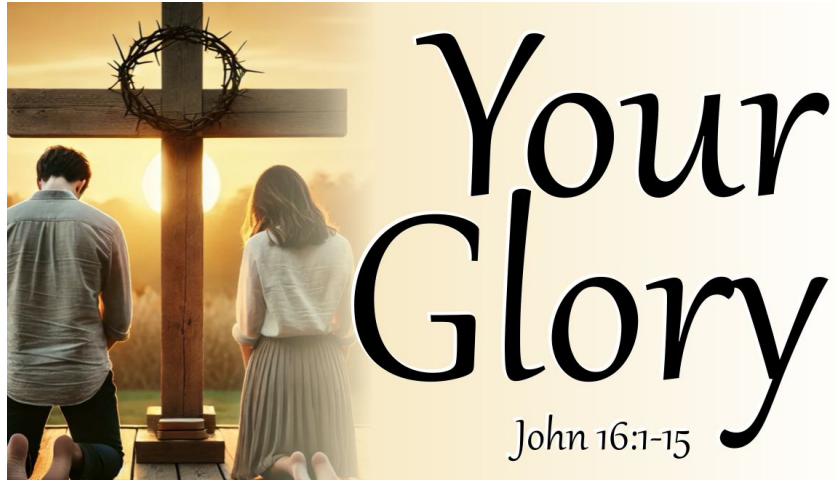
Salvation Army Food Drive:
Today

DO NOT STACK CHAIRS

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

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Pastor Kevin Kelley
John 16: 1-15

Big Idea of John: Jesus Christ is the Son of God

GRACE GROUP QUESTIONS

Your Glory

- 1) In John 16:1, Jesus said, "I have uttered these things to you so that you might not fall into a trap." The Greek word for falling into a trap is **scandalidzo**, which the English word "scandal" is derived from. What are Jesus' divine utterances in 15:18-27, and how do they keep us from falling into a trap? How does prioritizing a "good reputation" in the community over the ministry of The Gospel lead to "scandals" in churches? How does failure to anticipate hatred, rejection, and persecution lead to "scandals" in churches?
- 2) What does Jesus say is the reason behind His followers being banned and executed by highly religious people in 16:3? What is the reason Jesus is disclosing these things? What is the response (v.6)? What should the response be (14:28)? How does the biblical understanding of rejoicing differ from the worldly concept?
- 3) What is the significance of Jesus' statement in 16:5, "But now I am going away to Him who sent Me, and not one of you **erota** (to ask from special footing or position) Me, 'Where are you going?'" Our "special footing" with Christ is the result of our having been born-again by the Holy Spirit through the washing of the Word and our repentance from sin (see Esther 2:12). How should the Bride of Christ (the Church) approach King Jesus with our petitions (see Esther 5:1-3)? How does Esther 7:3-4 inform the content of our petitions when we approach King Jesus? How does this connect to John 14:13-14?
- 4) What does King Jesus reveal about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in John 16:8? How might our negative perception of the idea of "**convict**" (noun: vile and guilty criminal being rightly punished for their crime) be a snare, trap, or stumbling block to our receptivity to being **convicted** by the Holy Spirit?
- 5) King Jesus exposes that all sin ultimately boils down to the reality of John 16:9, that "they do not have faith in Me." What does Romans 10:1-4 expose about the **SCANDAL** of self-righteousness? Despite the truth of Isaiah 64:1 and John 15:5, many people, (including Christians) still put their trust in self-righteousness. Based on Jesus' parable from Matthew 25:1-13, what happens to the foolish ones who put their trust in their own self-righteousness?
- 6) How does the Holy Spirit glorify Christ Jesus (John 16:14)? Since "**everything** the Father has" belongs to Jesus (16:15), and the Holy Spirit reveals it to us... and since "**whatever**" we ask in Jesus' name will be done (14:13) so that the Father may be glorified... and since God is able "to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that working in us" (Eph 3:20)... and since the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has already "blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ" (Eph 1:3)... How will all of that convict how you **erota** (ask from special footing) approach King Jesus with your prayers and petitions (Phil 4:6)?

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Team **Sunday** is in need of the following volunteers:

New Sound Board Technicians- training available

Musicians

Computer techs to run the slides on Sunday morning worship

Technicians to help set up equipment and screens for Sunday worship

- Children's Church - We need help teaching our keiki about Jesus on Sunday mornings

If you can help with any of these service opportunities, please see Bill Quinlan or contact him at quinlan7bill@yahoo.com, you may also contact the church office at office@gracekona.org. We really appreciate your help spreading the good news of our Lord Jesus through these service opportunities!