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ACTS 20:7-16

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12 And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted. 13 But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land. 14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. 15 And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we went to Miletus. 16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.



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THE GIFT OF REMEMBERING & CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTED JESUS (V. 7)

It all hinges on Jesus' resurrection (1 Cor. 15) Luke says "Sunday" in a way like this was the norm; Several ancient texts attest to the same

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Carpus' Home (2 Tim. 4:13)?

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Name means "Fortunate"

Large door-like openings

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The gathering of the church is God's gracious way of reminding forgetful people of an unforgettable gospel.



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“At the end of the Civil War in Richmond, Virginia, on the Sunday after Appomattox and the surrender, a worship service was held in the historic Episcopal church there. It was an old church that had a balcony where the slaves of the owners had sat for many years, with their masters and their families sitting downstairs. The practice in this church had been to have two calls for the Lord’s Supper, one first for the whites downstairs, and then one for the slaves upstairs. . But on this given Sunday at the first call to communion an older black man, a former slave, began down the central aisle, right after the call.



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Naturally enough there was surprise and shock downstairs, but what was even more of a shock was when an elderly, white, bearded gentleman got up, hooked his arm in the arm of the former slave, and they went forward and took communion together. That man was Robert E. Lee. There was forgiveness and healing and reunion at the Table that day, and thereafter there was no more segregated communion. This is indeed one of the functions of communion-the receiving and sharing of forgiveness. Jesus sacrificed himself so that our sins might be forgiven and so that we might be forgiving as well.”

-Ben Witherington III, Making a Meal of It



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THE GIFT OF HEARING THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD (V. 7, 9, 11)

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People were hungry for the Word broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so **We need a Voice that is more authoritative than the voices of our flesh & culture--that does not & will not change (Isa 40:8)** departed.

The proclamation of God's Word is not just to impart information. God's Word is God's instrument for forming His people (1 Tim. 4:13).



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THE GIFT OF BEING SENT OUT ON MISSION (V. 13-16)

We gather to then scatter & make disciples who make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20)
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The goal of Christianity isn't simply to become really good at attending church once a week while neglecting the mission of God the other 6 days.

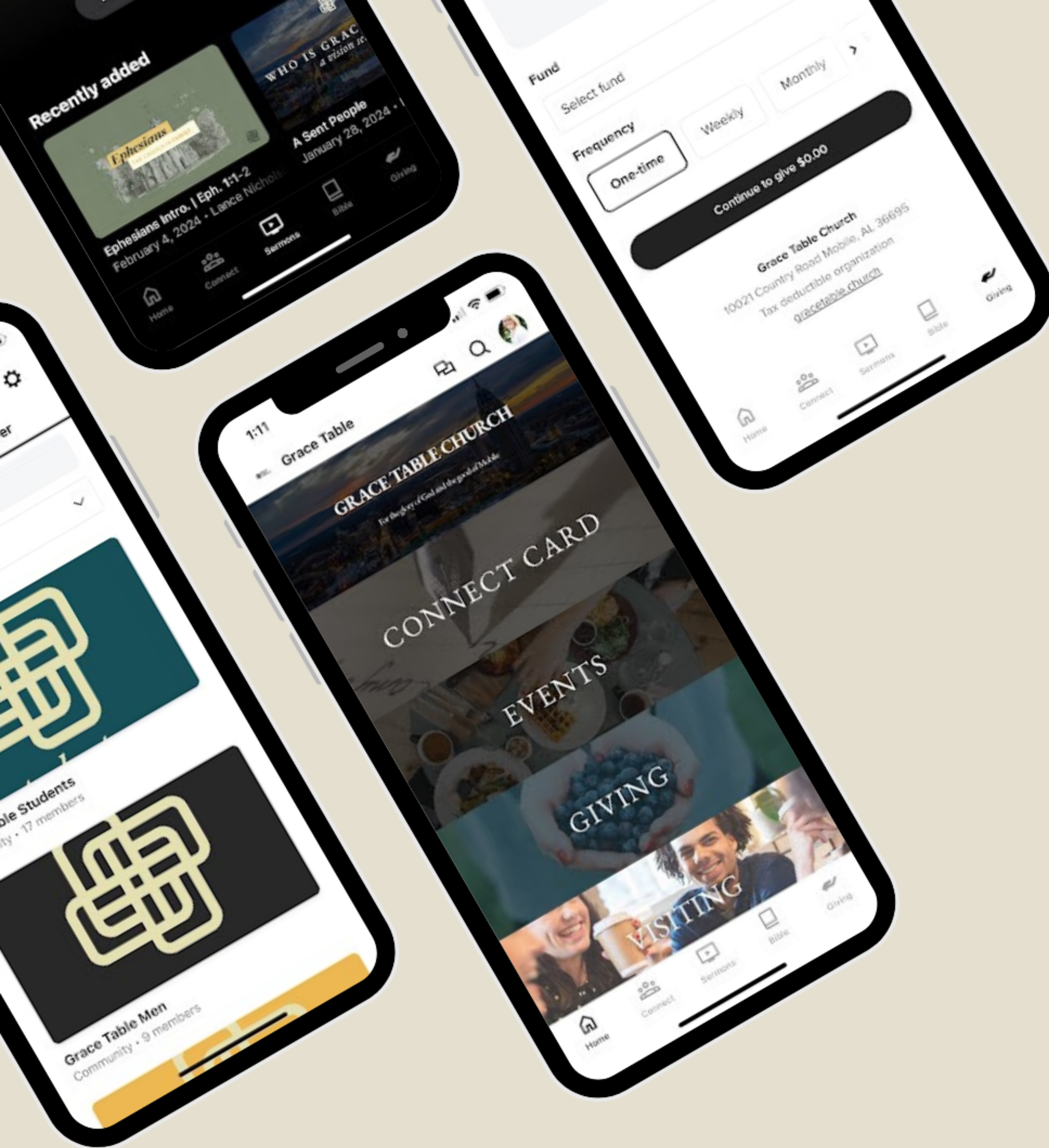




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Leader:

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

-2 Corinthians 13:14

People:

And also with you.



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