

“Amazed by Grace”

May 23, 2010

Various Passages (ESV)

LG STUDY

QUICK REVIEW:

Was there a particular point or passage of Scripture that challenged, confused, or caught your attention during this Sunday’s message?

MY STORY

1. Can you remember when you first began to grasp grace as more than a theological concept to you?
2. In what ways do you sometimes catch yourself abusing God’s grace?
3. How would you respond to someone who asks, “What is so amazing about God’s grace?”

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Last Sunday, Pastor Stephen reminded us that God’s grace is unmerited favor of God upon us. In other words, grace is not something that we earn. Read Romans 3:19-26. Based on the passage you just read, what makes it impossible for us to earn God’s love and acceptance through our good works? In what way is that bad news for us? In what way is that also good news for us?
2. According to Romans 3:22, faith is the only condition God requires for our receiving of His undeserving grace for us. What does it mean to believe in Jesus? (That is, what is it we are to believe, or put our faith in?)

3. Read Luke 7:41-47. Based on this passage, what is the correlation between one’s experience and expression of God’s grace? Try filling in the blanks below:

“The more I _____ God’s grace, the more I will (be able to) _____ the same grace to others!”

- Why do you think that is the case?
- That being the case, how can you grow more gracious to others?
- How have you experienced that principle at work in your own journey with God or others?

BRINING IT HOME

1. Take a moment to share how each person did in applying what you discussed at your last LG meeting.
 - Did you do what you said you were going to do?
 - If yes, how did it go? What was challenging for you?
 - If no, what kept you from it?
2. Pastor Stephen concluded his message with a challenge for us—the recipients of God’s amazing grace—to now practice the same grace with people in our lives. With whom would you like to practice more grace this coming week? What would showing more grace to that person or people look like or entail? What challenges or obstacles do you anticipate in showing more grace to him/her/them?
3. Please continue to share with your group what God has been teaching you through your Life Journal/Devotional.

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