

Vision & Values

Community Group Questions

Grace May 12, 2019

Kicking Things Off

Share a memorable time when you received grace.

Getting Into It

In order to understand grace, we must first understand the truth about our own situation. What is the truth of our situation, why do we need grace? (see Rom. 3:9-12 & 23, Rom. 6:26, Eph. 2:1-3)

Why is it difficult for most people to accept this truth? What happens when we fail to accept this truth? (like failing to believe in gravity)

Let's review some definitions from Sunday that might be helpful. Justice is? Mercy is? Grace is?

As a group, reread Luke 7:36-50. What stands out for you in this story?

Grace is so often misunderstood, people can think it means tolerance or that sin doesn't matter. What do we mean by the statement, "Grace doesn't ignore sin, it deals with it and then forgives it"?

How does this principle work in the church?

Discuss our statement on grace, "We recognize God's grace in our lives. He has forgiven us and so we freely share that forgiveness with others. That translates into being people who are learning patience, flexibility, compassion and acceptance with others. Grace doesn't ignore sin, it deals with it and forgives it." What does a church that is characterized by this really look like? How is this lived out practically?

What is the warning Jesus gives us in Mt. 6:14-15?

The Parting Shot

For what do you need to seek forgiveness? To whom do you need to extend forgiveness? Why is that sometimes so hard to do?

