



LIFEgroup Homework

Week of February 25, 2007

What's So Amazing About Grace?

This week Pastor Rick challenged us to stretch our views of how really BIG we understand our God to be.

"Indescribable" is the right word to use when we begin to understand the heavens and our God who spoke them into being.

This is the fourth week, and we are just beginning to dig into the meat of this series on the greatness of God. Who can you invite, who would benefit from this series? Won't you pray for them and invite them to the group? On March 4th we will begin the second half of this series on what it means to cultivate an intimate, vital relationship with our great and mighty God.

Pastor Stan

Sharing Questions

How would you explain to someone the concept of grace and what the grace of God means in your life?

Getting Started (questions):

Do you think most people see the church as a place to find grace or to be judged? Why do you think they have that impression?

Homework:

KEY VERSE

Ephesians 2:8 **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.**

- 1) List some of the ways people try to “earn” God’s favor:

- 2) List some of the benefits of being saved “by grace” and not from ourselves:

- 3) What role do “good works” play in the Christian life?

READ Ephesians 2:10

READ John 15:5-11

- 1) What is the key to “bearing fruit”?
(Does bearing fruit connect us to the vine, or does being connected to the vine result in bearing fruit?)
- 2) Who gets the glory when we bear fruit?
- 3) What purpose does Jesus give His disciples for giving them this teaching in v.11?

READ Romans 3:22-24

READ Titus 3:4-7

How would you restate these verses in your own words?
What do they mean to you?

“We shall bring our Lord most glory, if we get from Him much grace.”
-Charles Spurgeon

Application:

What types of people are most attracted to Jesus in the gospels?

What types of people are most attracted to churches in our community?

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How can a church deal with sin honestly and openly, and yet still be known as a place where grace is poured out extravagantly?

Individual:

Are there people in your life you need to forgive? Pray and forgive them now. If possible, take the next opportunity you have to express this forgiveness to them.

Have you received God's forgiveness for your own sins? Have you forgiven yourself? Pray and ask God to forgive you and to help you forgive yourself.

Group:

Brainstorm one way to pour our grace in our community this week and make a plan with your group to do it.

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