

(habits of) GRACE: Grateful for Grace
Sermon-Based Discussion/Reflection Questions
November 22nd, 2020

(habits of GRACE) - On October 25th we are started a new series called *Habits of Grace*. As we develop spiritual habits in our lives there is a danger they can become regimented, robotic, or legalistic. But experiencing God's grace is life changing, heart changing and habit changing. When we experience God's grace it changes us, and it changes how we live. Our daily choices and habits, fueled by and focused on the grace of God, will be life-changing to us and those around us.

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In week 5 of *(habits of) GRACE* we talked about gratitude and grace. God has given us so much and in response to God's generosity and graciousness, we don't just GIVE thanks, we GIVE to say "thanks". People who give much give much. Giving is our grateful response of all God has given to us.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What was your main takeaway from the message?

1 Thessalonians 5:18 we are instructed to "*give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*" Why do you think God's will would include us being thankful? Why would God plan for us to always be thankful? When are the times it is hard for you to be thankful?

Doug challenged us to take an inventory (make a list) of all God has given you. That is Gratitude! Spend some time either discussing or listing on your own all that you have to be thankful for.

Doug also challenged us to take an inventory (make a list) of all you have and ask "what can I give?" That is generosity. What will you give? Make sure you list out what, when, how and to whom.

NEXT STEPS:

What is your NEXT STEP based on this week's message? How will you put it into practice? Be specific and follow through.

PRAYER:

Spend some time praying and saying thanks to God for all He has given you. Then spend some time praying asking God for wisdom to know where and how He wants you to give, and for the courage to follow through.

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 ESV "*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*"

Scripture References: 1 Corinthians 15:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; John 3:16; James 1:16-17; Luke 19:1-10; Acts 4:32-37; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8