

December 9th, 2018 Message Discussion Questions

Open with prayer – that God would be very present in your time together today.

Before you really dig in, if you were here Sunday – review the sermon content (1 Corinthians 1.4-9)

- How did God's Word challenge you to live this differently this week?
- Micheal mentioned that "Grace" was just 1 of 3 "benefits" of being a part of the church. As a group play detective together – based on the text, what other benefits do you see here in vv4-9 for those who are a part of the church?

The focus of the message was on v4 and the GRACE offered to us in Christ. Micheal defined grace as "undeserved acceptance." The Lexham Bible Dictionary goes into a bit more detail and defines "grace" this way:

Gracious or merciful behavior of a more powerful person toward another. Displayed by the Lord toward humankind and by people towards each other in the Old Testament. Used to describe God or Christ in their merciful character or actions toward humankind in the New Testament.

If you've reviewed the message content already – you can probably agree that God showing us grace – is pretty amazing! But have you ever wondered WHY God shows us the grace that he does?

- As a group, talk briefly together on WHY you think God shows us the grace that he does.

There are at least 3 biblical reasons for WHY God shows us grace. As a group read the passages in each section below to determine the REASON for grace shown to us as his people

Reason #1: Ephesians 3.7-10, 21

- What reason do these verses point to for God giving grace?
- (If you've found the answer), HOW does God "showing grace to us" bring him glory (ie – make him look good).

Reason #2: 2 Timothy 2.1, Hebrews 4.16, 2 Corinthians 12.9

- What reason do these verses point to for God giving grace?
- How (practically) does God's grace "strengthen" believers? How have you experienced a strengthening from his grace in your own life?

Reason #3: Ephesians 2.8-10, Titus 2.11-14, and 3.7-8.

- What happens at the end of all these passages (the result of grace received?)
- If "good works" is one of the reasons we are given grace – what is your sense of your own life of some of the good works God may be putting in front of you in the wake of the grace YOU'VE received?

Pray with one another before you go.