

Unsettling Grace | Week 3

Introduction

The kingdom of God is characterized by an unsettling generosity —the kind of generosity that gives the undeserving what they don't deserve and regardless of how un-right we've been, grace makes us right with God. So, what do we do when we're faced with this math that doesn't add up? And how do we respond to this unfair, unsettling system of grace that Jesus came to invite us into?

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

1. Have you ever been on the receiving end of an act of generosity that felt completely unexpected or undeserved?
2. How has your understanding of God's grace influenced your spiritual practices this week? Did you find any specific moments where you had to lean into grace, whether in seeking forgiveness, serving others, or spending time with Jesus?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention from this weekend's sermon?

[Watch the Video \(10 minutes\)](#)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. What bugs you about the reality that grace is not fair?
2. Read [Matthew 20:1-16](#).
 - a. Who received grace in this parable?
 - b. Share a time when you experienced or witnessed a form of generosity or grace that didn't seem to add up in the usual sense of fairness. How did it challenge or reinforce your understanding of grace?
3. How has the concept of God's grace, which gives us what we don't deserve, impacted the way you view your own actions and choices? Have there been moments where accepting or extending grace felt particularly challenging?
4. Read [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#).
 - a. Reflecting on the past week, month, or year, what is one thing you are particularly grateful for?
 - b. How does recognizing this gratitude help you align more closely with the idea of grace?

5. How can the group support you through prayer as you navigate the challenges and opportunities related to grace and generosity in your life? Are there specific areas where you are seeking guidance or strength?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Have someone close the group in prayer. You can use your own words or the words below:

God, thank you for our time together. Help us receive your grace and to give it away to others. Give us wisdom and strength in the areas where we need it. Help us to recognize that we are all sinners in need of your grace. We are so thankful for your love, grace, and mercy, Jesus. Amen.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Serving our community together as a group is a great way to get to know each other more and live out our faith as Jesus followers. We encourage all groups to serve our community in the month of September. Find opportunities to serve [HERE](#).
- Celebrate Recovery is a safe place for anyone with hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Learn more and find a campus near you to start your recovery at cr.sv.cc.
- Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision you made when you said Yes to Jesus. If you have said Yes to Jesus, your next step is baptism. Our next baptism weekend is September 14th and 15th at all campuses. Sign up today at baptism.sv.cc.