

Taking New Ground | Week 5

Introduction

Grace is what makes Jesus different—it's a gift we receive, not something we achieve. Grace changes hearts in ways rules never could, and the church exists to receive, walk in, and give grace.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- When have you seen someone in the last week walk in grace in a way that moved you?
- What opportunities do you have to show grace in the week to come?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. Who do you want to see get baptized?
2. When was the last time you shared with someone about the difference God has made in your life?
 - a. Do you have friends or family members who don't know Jesus?
 - b. What opportunities do you have to develop real, intentional friendships with people who don't know Jesus?
 - c. How prepared are you to share your faith with others?

*See the end of this document for some resources to help you!
3. Throughout this series, we have been reciting [Acts 1:8](#). The book is called "Acts" because it's about *actions*. Read these verses related to faith in action: [1 John 3:18](#), [James 2:17](#), [Ephesians 2:8-10](#), [Galatians 5:6](#).
 - a. What do you notice about what the Bible says about actions?
 - b. In what ways are we called to love our church, our families, our communities, and the world through our actions?
 - c. Is there a specific action you have taken recently, or an action you feel prompted to take?
4. Have you committed to joining the movement of Sun Valley, helping people meet, know, and follow Jesus, through giving and serving?
 - a. What can you begin to trust God with today?
5. This is the last week of group notes for the semester. Group notes resume the week of January 19, 2026.

- a. Who will return to the group in January?
- b. Are there any logistics we need to discuss?

Prayer (5 minutes)

God, thank you for this time together as a group. Help us to receive your grace, to walk in it, and to share it. We pray for the names we shared earlier, people who we want to see come to know you. Help us to be bold and loving in sharing our faith with others. Give us the courage to trust you as we take steps to follow what you say. We love you, Jesus. Amen.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- We are inviting our entire church to join the movement and make a commitment to the building fund. You can make your commitment [here](#).
- Group Notes will continue through the end of November. We will take a break in the month of December and will resume the week of January 19, 2026.

Resources

[How to Share Your Story](#)

[How to Share your Faith in One Verse](#)

[What Makes Christianity Different from Every Other Faith](#)