

If We Only Knew...

What Really Matters

2 Corinthians 5:17- 2 Corinthians 6:11

1. You are an _____ of Christ.
2. You've been _____ with God's _____ of reconciliation.
3. You've been _____ by God's _____ to accomplish His work.
4. The _____ of God is all that really _____.

Colossians 1:28, 29 (NIV) *We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.*

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Wk 4 - Grace that Extends to Reach Others

Getting Started:

1. Have you ever had someone come to your door to sell you something? How did you feel?
2. Have you ever had someone come to your door to talk to you about religion? How did you feel?

Going Deeper:

We have talked about grace that is available for salvation, grace that teaches us how to live, and grace that is given to us corporately to make an impact for the Kingdom. This week we looked at one other characteristic of the grace given to believers, and that is the grace to reach others. What does this look like in our lives on a practical level, and what is our responsibility in this?

1. Read Matthew 28:16-20. These verses are referred to as the Great Commission. This is the commissioning of the Church's missionary task: to share the gospel and make disciples. Are you familiar with these verses? How have these verses been taught to you?
2. What are your feelings about evangelizing/witnessing? How comfortable are you with this? Do you think this looks different for different people? What is the most effective way that you have seen or experienced evangelism?
3. Do you think God wants to use you to reach others? Do you think God wants you to reach others this month? What would that look like for you to be intentional about reaching people this month? Do you have a person or persons you feel God is calling you to reach out to? How?

Acting Out:

1. Make a list of 1-3 people you think you should be more intentional about reaching out to this month. Commit to praying for them daily.
2. Consider ways to creatively love them this week. Ask God to give you wisdom in this area.
3. Consider inviting them to attend church with you on Easter.
4. Pray daily for grace to extend through you to them.

In all of these things be sensitive. This cannot turn into an assignment from a teacher or pastor. It is most effective when it is driven by love and led patiently and gently by the spirit.

Further Reading This Week:

Matthew 28

Acts 2

Acts 8:26-40

Romans 1:8-17

Romans 10