



WEEK SEVEN RECEIVING GRACE UPON GRACE

John 1:15-16

DISCUSSION 1

Jesus brings grace.

1. What is one way that God has given you grace this week?
2. What does John the Baptist (or Baptizer) mean when he says Jesus was before him and therefore ranks before/above him? Why is that an important distinction?
3. What do we learn about Jesus in this passage? What does John communicate when he talks about the “fullness” of Christ (Col. 1:19, 2:9)?

DISCUSSION 2

We are given grace upon grace.

1. John the Baptist bore witness about Jesus to pave the way for people to believe in the true light (v. 6-9). How do we, as followers of Christ, bear witness to Jesus? How are we to shine the light of Jesus (Matt. 5:14-16)?
2. What is grace? What does it mean to receive grace upon grace from Jesus?
3. Jesus is the channel through which we receive all of the Father’s material and spiritual blessings. What are some ways that we treat these blessings as if they are based on our efforts instead of God’s grace?

DISCUSSION 3

We give grace because we have received it.

1. Does God show grace to all people in the same way? How does God show grace to all people, and in what ways does He specifically show grace to His family?
2. Give an example of a time when you struggled to give someone grace. Why was this difficult?
3. Since we have received grace upon grace from Jesus, we ought to seek to show that grace to others as well. In what ways do you need to show grace to others this week?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Ask your children how they felt when they last received a gift they really wanted. How did they show they were thankful? Did they want to use the gift? Did they want to show the gift to others? Explain how grace is an even better gift. Talk about how your family can appropriately respond to grace as the wonderful gift that it is.
2. Ask your children why the Bible says we all need grace. Talk about how they can receive the grace of Jesus, according to the Bible.
3. Have your children act out a situation when grace is required (Ex. one child cuts in front of another child in line). Then, discuss what it would look like to show grace in that situation. Pray together that God would help you and your children receive and give grace to others.

APPLICATION

Individual: God shows us His grace in a new way every single day. Take time to acknowledge His grace this week. Each day, set aside time to answer the following question: “How has God shown me His grace today?”

Group: Meet up with one or two others this week to read and pray through Matt. 18:21-35.