

## 8 GRACE SUNDAYS - Revival

July 11, 2021

### Week 1 Reading Plan

#### Day 1-

READ: [John 3:16-17](#)

REFLECT: This is one of the most recognized passages in all of the New Testament. On a piece of paper or in the notes app on your phone, rewrite this passage in your own words. What are these scriptures actually saying about Jesus's death on the cross and the transformational power His subsequent resurrection has for the whole world? How does this passage help you to see God's plan for His people?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Re-read [John 3:16](#) and turn it into a prayer, replacing the common nouns of this passage with your name (ex: God so loved YOUR NAME...). End the prayer by saying "Thank you for loving ME, Jesus!"

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: [Why The Resurrection Changes Everything](#) from the Gospel Coalition

WORSHIP: Plan to attend worship night at Grace in McKean this Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. Invite a friend to join you! And find out more about all the exciting things happening during our 8 Grace Sundays [here](#).

#### Day 2-

READ: [Titus 3:4-7](#)

REFLECT: The book of Titus is a letter written by Paul to a coworker named Titus. Paul's words in this book serve to tie together what it means to have faith and to live a Christian life. He strongly reminds Titus that it's not our actions that save us; it's Jesus. According to this passage, who are we in Jesus? What do we have access to through Jesus Christ? How can this "regeneration" and "renewal" lead us away from the world, and into a spiritual revival?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Listen to the song, [Take My Life](#), and meditate on the words as you hear the music play. Make this song your prayer today. Ask that God would take your life and use it for his glory. Ask Him to show you the places in your life that you aren't surrendered to Him, and guide you into laying it down at His feet.

### Day 3-

READ: [Jeremiah 29:11](#) and [Romans 8:28](#)

REFLECT: Both of these passages talk about God's plans for His people. In Jeremiah, an exiled people are being assured that God has a plan for them to be restored in their homeland. This promise is no small thing at that time in history. In Romans, the passage refers to what believers are offered in Jesus. How do these passages show God's desire for His children? How do you see evidence of the full life God wants for us? How is the "good" life God has planned for you better than the "good" life the world has for you?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: What can you do TODAY to enter into the good life God has planned for you? Pray and ask God to open your heart to things that may need changed about your current life so that you can live more fully in God's grace.

WORSHIP: Tonight is worship night! Join us at Grace Church in McKean at 6:30pm and bring a friend! (Find more information about 8 Grace Sundays [here](#).)

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: [What's The Point of My Life](#) from Desiring God

REFLECT: How has Jesus's resurrection changed your life?

### Day 4-

READ: [Psalm 51:10-12](#)

REFLECT: Sin separates us from God and the life He has for us in Jesus. We can't step into our life's purpose of living for God if we stay stuck in sin patterns. God calls us to repent of our sin. What are some of the verbs used in this passage to describe the washing away of sin? What sins are you currently struggling with that are keeping you from experiencing a deep and fruitful relationship with Jesus?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Use this prayer time as a time of confession. Bring before Jesus the sins that you are struggling with in your life. Accountability with other believers is one way we can grow our faith. Reach out to a trusted spiritual advisor or friend and let them know where you are struggling and ask them to pray over you and with you this week.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

LISTEN: Jennie Allen – Made for This podcast, episode 03, "[This might be why you're stuck](#)" from February 9, 2021

REFLECT: According to Jennie, why are Christians stuck today?

PRACTICE: If you are feeling stuck, what is one thing you can do today/this week to get unstuck? If you aren't feeling stuck, pray and ask God who He might be leading you to as a way to help someone else get unstuck.

Day 5-

READ: [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)

REFLECT: A life with Jesus is a greater, more fulfilling life than anything in this world has to offer. Scripture doesn't promise that it will be an easy life, but we are promised that through Jesus we can endure and thrive in whatever comes our way. What do you think the author means by "let us run with endurance the race set before us"? According to this passage what are we called to do in order to run that race? What is something you can do to better keep your eyes on Jesus?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Read [Psalm 63:3-4](#). Use your prayer time today to praise God – in your own words, lift up words of praise and adoration to the Father who is steadfast!

## 8 GRACE SUNDAYS: Investing in the Next Generation

July 18, 2021

### Week 2 Reading Plan

#### Day 1-

READ: [Matthew 28:16-20](#); [Acts 1:8](#)

REFLECT: These are the last words Jesus shared with his followers. What does He tell us to do? Where does He tell us to go? How are we to have the ability to do it? Why is this important?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Pray for a heart that desires to “make disciples of all nations” and for wisdom about in what capacity the Lord is asking you to serve in.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: Read [How You Can Help Fulfill the Great Commission](#) to start creating your own plan.

#### Day 2-

READ: [Revelation 7:9-10](#)

REFLECT: What would it look like to be in a worship service where every tribe, tongue and nation was represented? Pause and let yourself imagine the scene. How does investing in the next generation help to fulfill this vision?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Download the Unreached People Group of the Day app from [the Joshua Project](#) and pray for that people group to not only have someone to share the gospel with them, but to disciple them into mature Christians.

#### Day 3-

READ: [1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)

REFLECT: Paul was transformed by the gospel, so that he could disciple others to follow Christ. Timothy was a young Christ-follower whom Paul disciplined and commissioned to lead in the church. How would you describe the transformation God has done in your life? How has God used others in His work of transformation?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: What does it look like to share your story and your life with the next generation? Pray about opportunities to invest in them.

Day 4-

READ: [2 Timothy 2:2](#)

REFLECT: What types of people is Paul encouraging Timothy to invest in? What are the essential faith elements that should be passed on to the next generation?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Think about whom you could invest in. Take a step to begin intentionally helping them grow in their faith.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: [The Right People for Discipleship](#) from CRU

Day 5-

READ: [1 Timothy 4:12](#)

REFLECT: What are the ways younger believers could set an example for older believers? How have you learned from younger believers?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Encourage a younger believer by telling them how they have helped you in your faith.

## 8 GRACE SUNDAYS: To Seek and Save

July 25, 2021

### Week 4 Reading Plan

#### Day 1-

READ: [Luke 19:1-5](#)

REFLECT: Go back and look carefully at Luke 19:1. It says Jesus was “passing through.” Zacchaeus may have been an interruption in a busy day for Jesus. What does Luke 19:5 tell you about the importance Jesus placed on noticing people?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Take a few minutes to think about all the people you could encounter in a day. Do you really notice them? Pray and ask Jesus to help you slow down and intentionally notice people just like He noticed Zacchaeus.

#### TAKE IT FURTHER!

INVITE: Ask a friend to join you at Grace Church in McKean or in Harborcreek next Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>! There will be some fun surprises for everyone, including prizes! Find out more about 8 Grace Sundays [here](#).

#### Day 2-

READ: [Luke 19:5-10](#)

REFLECT: In Luke 19:5 Jesus told Zacchaeus to hurry and come down and 19:6 tells us Zacchaeus did hurry to come down. Why do you think Jesus asked for that immediate response? Going to Zacchaeus’ home showed Jesus wanted a close relationship with him. How did those around Jesus react to that? How did Zacchaeus react? Whose reaction was Jesus more concerned about? Why?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Jesus knew His purpose—to seek and to save the lost—and He is still doing that saving work in the people around you. In the past we’ve talked about praying for 3 people for 3 minutes at 3:00. Recommit to pray for those people and ask Jesus to work in their lives. Set an alarm on your phone to help you make it a habit!

#### TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: [Jesus Saves](#) from Desiring God

REFLECT: Other religions focus on earning salvation, but the truth of the Bible is that Jesus reaches down and saves us. Take a moment to rest in the wonder of that.

PRACTICE: Pray this prayer from the article: *“Jesus, you are the one who saves, not us. Thank you for rest, for hushing the furious winds of our faithless works. Thank you for stopping the strivings of our*

*souls. Overcome us more and more with the glory of your grace, and make our posture toward others echo this summary of your gospel: 'the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'*" Amen.

### Day 3-

READ: [Colossians 4:5-6](#)

REFLECT: What does it mean for our conversations to be full of grace but also seasoned with salt? What are some ways you can introduce Jesus into normal conversations?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Pray for a natural opportunity this week to share Jesus in conversation and then take advantage of it when God gives you that opening. It can be as simple as mentioning you're grateful to God for blessing your day when someone asks, "How are you?"

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: This short video from RightNow Media tells how one man learned to build relationships with those around him. -- [No More Christian Bubble](#) (Need a *free* RNM account? Register for one [here!](#))

REFLECT: Have you been living in a Christian 'bubble'?

PRACTICE: Ask God to show you ways to reach out to those beyond that bubble.

### Day 4-

READ: [Romans 3:23](#); [Romans 5:8](#); [Romans 6:23](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#)

REFLECT: When God gives you an opening to talk about Jesus, the person you are talking with may want to know more about how to start a relationship with Jesus. These few verses from the book of Romans share the basics of our Christian faith. Read them over a few times and underline them in your Bible or on your device so you could be ready to share them.

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Thank Jesus that He came to earth in this amazing rescue plan to save you and then ask Him to help you share this plan with someone else.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: If you want to know more about sharing your faith, "[Would You Like to Know God Personally](#)" is an article from CRU that gives more details.

### Day 5-

READ: [1 Peter 3:14-17](#)

REFLECT: There may be times when you suffer for doing the right thing or for defending the weak. How do these verses tell us to respond to that? Peter also reminds us we should be ready to explain the hope

we have in Jesus to anyone who asks. How do we ready ourselves? How do these verses apply to the way we interact both in person and on social media?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Ask God to help you be bold to tell others about the hope you have and help you be respectful and gentle in those conversations.

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