

8 GRACE SUNDAYS: Revival

Pastor Stephen Hay July 11, 2021

Life Group Discussion

Encouragement:

God is moving all around us, in big and small ways. Being able to share how He's working in our lives and in the lives of those around us can serve as a way to encourage others in their faith journey. Ask everyone in your group to share one way they saw God move in the last week.

Scripture:

Read Galatians 2:20

- How does Paul (the author of this book) describe his purpose as a follower of Jesus?
- How can this passage encourage us as the reader in 2021 to a life FOR God through Jesus?
- Where do you need spiritual revival in your life? Which of the three reasons that cause people
 to struggle to step into their purpose that Pastor Stephen mentioned did you relate to most? (1.
 You don't know seriousness of your sin, 2. You haven't seen the mercy of God, and 3. You are
 not enjoying the new life promised to you in Jesus)

Prayer:

Use this prayer time to pray for each other that God would reveal the areas in your lives where you need to live FOR Him. Pray that God would open your hearts and minds so you can be released of the barriers that are keeping you from fully enjoying the life He has for you.

Next Steps:

Commit to attending church for the rest of the summer. Memorize Colossians 1:16 together!

*Encourage your group to attend worship night at Grace Church in McKean on Wednesday, July 14th at 6:30pm! [Find more information about 8 Grace Sundays at https://whoisgrace.com/eight-grace-sundays/.]



8 Grace Sundays: Investing in the Next Generation Matt Kent, GraceYouth Lead July 18, 2021

Life Group Discussion

Encouragement:

Share about 1-3 people who have helped form your faith. What about them drew you to Jesus? What did your relationship with them look like? What are the practical ways in which they discipled you?

Scripture:

Read Matthew 28:18-20

- This passage is referred to as the Great Commission. What are all believers sent out to do? By whose authority? What are your barriers to helping to fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples?
- What do you know is true about God that gives you courage to invest in the next generation?

Read <u>1 Timothy 1:12-17</u>

- What is it about Paul's life that is an example to others? What characteristics of the Lord are evident in this passage?
- What is a theme in your faith journey that could be helpful to a younger believer? How have you grown in that area?

Prayer:

Write down the names of all the "next generation" people your group is directly connected to (ie. Children, nieces/nephews, Grace Youth, etc). Pray over their spiritual journeys and ask for wisdom in how your group can help them to grow in faith.

Next Steps:

Brainstorm as a group how you can take practical steps to invest in the next generation together.



8 GRACE SUNDAYS: To Seek and Save Site Pastors Scott Michel and John Tiernan July 25, 2021

Life Group Discussion

Encouragement:

Think back on your first encounters with Jesus and tell how God used someone to share Jesus with you or to invite you to learn more about Him. OR share how you have introduced someone to Jesus.

Scripture:

Read Luke 19:1-10

- It seems Jesus' plan was to just pass through Jericho. How did noticing Zacchaeus change His plans? What motivated Jesus to make that change? How might stopping to notice the people around you change your plans?
- Why do you think Jesus took that next step and invited Himself over to Zacchaeus' home? What are some ways you can be intentional in spending time with people who don't know Jesus?
- Why did people complain about Jesus being a guest in Zacchaeus' home? How did Jesus answer them?
- What was evidence that Zacchaeus' life was changed by Jesus? What is the evidence that your life is changed by Jesus? How could you explain that change to someone?

Prayer:

Ask each group member to share the name of one person in their life who needs Jesus. Take time to pray for each name. (Try praying out loud all at the same time!)

Next Steps:

Brainstorm ways your group could reach out to some folks who don't yet know God personally. Maybe plan a picnic and invite these guests or arrange an outing together. Keep a list of the names of the people you prayed for tonight and commit to pray for them regularly. Then wait expectantly to see how God will move in their lives.

**Encourage your group to attend church with them this Sunday, August 1st. There will be some fun surprises, including giveaways! [Find more information about 8 Grace Sundays at https://whoisgrace.com/eight-grace-sundays/.]