

Saturday & Sunday, May 26 & 27, 2018 - "#GRACEDETROIT - Week 2" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Acts 2:42-47

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- What is Grace like?
 - Each person is unique and every church is unique
 - This series is to identify and teach what unique markers make Grace, Grace
- We're a mosaic because
 - It's the gospel lived out
 - God has called us to be reconciled to one another
- Acts 2:42-47 "The Fellowship of Believers"
- 4 Foundations of the church
 - 1) Doctrine (The Apostles Teachings)
 - Learning and growing in what the scripture say it means to follow God
 - What we believe about God governs and informs everything we do (this is where 15 minutes w/ God comes in)
 - 2) Fellowship
 - Meeting together in homes (outside of the synagogue/church)
 - They knew each other and cared for one another
 - 3) Communion (the specific "breaking of bread" referring to the Lord's Supper)
 - 4) Prayer
 - The foundation for our lives/families/church
 - Restorative prayer/ pre-service prayer/1000 people praying for Grace at 9:30 am
- Even with all of this the early church went through difficulties (Doug cited many examples throughout the book of Acts)
- Satan wants the church NOT to be one because if we are one the world would know God's love
- Grace Survey
 - 40% at Grace less than 3 years
 - 75% attend 3 or more times each month
 - Only 23% of people are connected beyond weekend services
- C-GROUPS = Community group
 - Setting a goal to have over 50% in C-Groups in the coming year
 - C Groups are...10-20 people, men and women, always diverse, meet in homes or at Grace, meet every other week
 - The primary purpose of C-Groups is to **foster a deeper connection for encouragement and care for one another**
- 47 "one another" commands in the New Testament that have to be lived out in community
- C-Groups are we we practice our faith and are equipped to have impact on the world
- Unoffendable (book by Brant Hansen)
 - We have to learn to be unoffendable so we can be that way out there in the world
 - We have to learn to navigate our differences without judging of being offended
 - We will never live out our faith out in the world if we can't do it in our community here at Grace first

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Thinking back to last week, how is God calling you to be the mosaic beyond just church services?
2. What is most inspiring about the way the early church community is described in Acts? Why?
3. Have you ever been in something like a C-Group? How did God use that community/group in your life and walk with Him?
4. Where and how is God calling you be more connected? How is God calling you to help others get into community?
5. Have you ever thought about leading a C-Group? What are some of your thoughts about it?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Acts 6 Tues: Acts 7 Wed: Acts 8 Thurs: Acts 9 Fri: Acts 10

Worship Set this weekend: Higher (Grace Worship Original) - Where the Spirit of the Lord Is (Hillsong Worship) - King of My Heart (John Mark McMillan) - Glory to Glory (Bethel Music)