

Saturday & Sunday, June 2 & 3, 2018 - "#GRACEDETROIT - Week 3" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: 1 Corinthians 12

- 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 makes Grace, Grace?
 - We are a mosaic (different shapes, colors, different stories/backgrounds→coming together as a work of art)
 - We are a church of C-Groups (12-20 people, often men & women, meet for the purpose of connection and care)
 - **We are a Word and Spirit church** (rooted in the Word of God AND embracing all that is promised in scripture)
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (Does this section still apply to us as followers of Jesus?!)
 - Also Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 14:1, John 14:12
 - We believe at Grace that the promises to the early church are still promises to us today
 - We are to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit and to earnestly desire all of the spiritual gifts
 - **ALL HAVE SOME, NONE HAVE ALL (spiritual gifts)**
 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
 - All of the gifts are important and indispensable
 - We must avoid elevating certain gifts as meaning someone is more spiritual or mature
 - We celebrate all the gifts as God's plan for making His church accomplish it's purpose
- A reoccurring problem: Desire the Spirit → Experience the Spirit → Abuse the Spirit → Prohibit the Spirit (back to beginning)
 - Earnest desire (praying for and asking God)
 - Experience the Spirit (God shows up and pours out his power)
 - Abuse the Spirit (corrupting a good thing, positional power, exploitation)
 - Prohibit the Spirit (a response to abuse)
 - Best way to protect against the cycle = go by the Bible and abide by the scriptures
- All have some, none have all...
 - Spiritual gifts are not earned as merit badges
 - Having a spiritual gift and being spiritually mature are not the same thing
 - All are given the Holy Spirit at conversion (Ephesians 5:18) Stay connected and abide in Jesus, be filled
- 3 Gifts that seem to stir up controversy and misunderstanding
 - Tongues (1 Corinthians 14:2)
 - Prayer language to God (some have it and others do not)
 - 1st type of tongues is like Acts 2 = speaking in another language so someone can understand you
 - Not from the stage because it causes confusion (interpreter, vetted by leadership, can be a distraction)
 - Healing
 - **He often does, sometimes He does not, but either way He is always good**
 - Posture of faith and humility...but never lay a burden "if you just had more faith" "If you just prayed better"
 - Prophecy (1 Corinthians 14:1)
 - God giving you a word for others, to comfort, build them up and encourage them
 - Feeling the nudge to call someone even though you haven't talked to them in a while
 - We are imperfect and must always give what we feel the Lord wants us to say with humility
 - ALWAYS for comfort and encouragement and building up the body (not "if you do x, you will get struck by lightning")
 - Called to earnestly seek it
- Homework: 1) Read 1 Corinthians 12,13,14 2) Earnestly seek a word for others (pray, listen, humility, report)

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 have your experiences been like with spiritual gifts in the past?
3. How has God shown you what it means to be Word & Spirit?
4. What would it look like for you to earnestly desire spiritual gifts? Either for the first time or more/again?
5. How has God used you to give a word from him to someone else or someone else to give a word from him to you? What did you learn from the experience?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

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

Mon: Acts 11 Tues: Acts 12 Wed: Acts 13 Thurs: Acts 14 Fri: Acts 15