

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Radical Love Pt.4

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1 Corinthians 13:1–6

Synopsis:

There are 15 actions cited that call every believer to Love one another in the body of Christ

1. Love is Patient
2. Love is Kind
3. Love does not envy

Questions:

Warm Up:

1. What is one way that the sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?
2. What stood out to you regarding the message on “Radical Love Pt.4?”
3. Is there any thoughts or encouragements from Pastor Scotts series, “Radical Love” from Romans 12:9–13
4. What does it mean that Biblical Love is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person?

Discussion:

1. Why does Paul say in 1 Corinthians 12:31 that love is a higher gift or a greater gift than the spiritual gifts he describes in the chapter?
2. Pastor Scott said that love is patient or long suffering. How is the Lord patient towards us? Read 2 Peter 3:9
3. Love is to be kind, once again how has the Lord been kind to you? Read Titus 3:4–6.
4. What biblical stories can you think of that reveal how, “envy,” destroys lives? (Cain, Haman, Joseph's Brothers, The Pharisees).
5. What were the two types of envy that Pastor Scott discussed on Sunday? (1. Desiring what others have, 2. Hating that others have stuff)

Application:

1. What are some ways in which we can be patient towards those who are in the church? How does 1 Thessalonians 5:14 encourage us to continue in patience?
2. How can kindness transform your home? What acts of kindness could be done daily with your family?
3. How can we combat envy in our own hearts as a Church?

Prayer Suggestion:

- Pray that GCV would continue to love one another, remembering our love for one another is how those outside the church are going to remember us. We will be known by our love for one another.
- Please be Praying for the women's bible study that will be taking place, that they would build up and edify everyone who is involved.
- Pray for clarity and discernment for the building team as they seek to finish phase #2 in the next coming months.

Missions Prayer Requests

For this Week, Pray for the Spanish Ministry.

Grace Church of the Valley's Spanish Family Camp has grown to its biggest size yet. We had over 200 people in attendance. At least two thirds of those were non-believers. Please pray for the new families that heard the Gospel that the word will do the work necessary in their lives and that the Lord would be gracious to them and grant them the gift of repentance unto salvation. Pray that the follow-up would be fruitful. That the members of Grace group would be bold in presenting the truth in love when we call them and minister to them.

Please pray also for Tom & Josie Rios. Tom has been called to serve a need at Grace Community Church where Josiah Grauman is the pastor of their Spanish ministry. The goal is to come alongside pastor Josiah as a family member who knows him well enough for critical and crucial moments due to Josiah's health. There are many new people attending that ministry and the Rioses will be working as biblical counselors among them. We're so thankful for the Tom's & Josie's ministry for the past 12 years at Grace Church of the Valley.

Also, Praise God that Jose Alcivar has accepted the call to come be the Pastor of our Spanish Ministry. We look forward to the Alcivar family joining us in November.