

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Radical Love Pt.5 Scott Ardavanis 1 Corinthians 13:5-7

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
4. Love Does not boast
5. Love is not arrogant
6. Love is not rude
7. Love does not insist on its own way
8. Love is not irritable
9. Love is not resentful

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.5"?
3. How is loving others hard?

Discussion:

1. Read Philippians 2:6-8. How was Jesus Christ an example of someone who does not boast?
2. What does it mean that love is not arrogant? When can we be arrogant with people?
3. How did Pastor Scott define the word rude? How is this related to not insisting on your own way?
4. What are common ways in which we justify being irritable? Pastor Scott used the phrase, "People provoke us."
5. What was the word Resentful used to describe? Scott gave a helpful illustration.

Application:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 4:7. What are some ways in which we can help ourselves not boast in our works but in the works of Christ?
2. How can we remind ourselves to not be arrogant? Consider Job's response (Job 40:3-5) after being questioned by God in Job 38-39.
3. Read Philippians 2:4-5. In what ways can we not be rude to one another and put each other ahead of ourselves?
4. How can 1 Peter 2:23 help us not be irritable towards other people?

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 month, 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 continue to 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 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.