

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
10. Love does not rejoice in sin
11. Love rejoices with truth
12. Love always protects
13. Love always trusts
14. Love always hopes
15. Love always endures

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.6?"
3. What was one way in which the testimonies of those who got baptized encouraged you?

Discussion:

1. What did Pastor Scott say can destroy a church quicker than anything else?
2. You may have heard that love is to be tolerant, but why can love not be tolerant to sin?
3. Read Philippians 4:8, how does this passage help us rejoice in the truth?
4. Read 1 Peter 4:8 and Proverbs 17:9, how are we called to respond to others' sin?
5. "As long as God's grace is operative, human failure is never final" Why is this true?

Application:

1. How can we encourage others when they stumble in sin instead of finding pleasure in pronouncing condemnation on their shortcomings?
2. In what ways do we subtly rejoice in unrighteousness instead of righteousness?
3. "Love gazes upon the best qualities of others but only glances at their poor qualities," How can we practice this with others?
4. What can we take away from Scott's last point, Love always endures?

Prayer Suggestion:

- Pray for continued unity amongst the saints at GCV, so that we would be known by our love. That God would help us put on compassionate hearts, kindness, meekness and patience with one another. Would we remember daily the love that Christ has for us.
- Pray for the leadership of the Church as they seek to lead and disciple the church.
- 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.