

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Real Mature” (pt. 4) – 05.31.2015

Scripture: Colossians 4:18

Bottom Line: Spiritually mature people embrace grace.

INTRODUCTION/ICEBREAKER:

What is the one word that describes your favorite thing about Jesus? Why?

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read Colossians 4:18

Paul is in prison as he writes to the Colossian church. He will never write, see, or speak to them again as he is on the verge of being put to death for his faith and bold witness of Jesus. What is the last and most important encouragement he leaves with them? Grace!

1) Why do you think grace was so important to Paul that he mentioned it as the last thing he wanted them to remember?

Grace is a vital aspect of the gospel. Adam asked 4 questions during his message. Take time to ask each question to your small group to discuss. Take a few of the answers that are applicable to your group and expound on how to practically live them out.

1) What is grace? (Romans 3:23-24; 5:8 6:23; 11:6)

- a. Grace is God's unearned, free gift / undeserved, unfair favor.
- b. Grace is God's unending, inexhaustible love.

2) What does grace show us? (Ephesians 2:4-5; John 3:16)

- a. God's true character.
- b. Our true need and our true value .

3) What does grace do? (1 John 3:1; 2 Timothy 2:1; Hebrews 13:9; 2 Corinthians 4:15)

- a. Grace forgives us and gives us a new identity as a child of God.
- b. Grace gives us power to resist sin and glorifies God the most.
- c. Grace frees us from religion's failure, anxiety, shame, guilt, and pride.
- d. Grace makes it possible to love the unlovable.

4) If grace is an unearned gift, how do I get grace? (Romans 5:2)

- a. Jesus purchases the gift with his own life, death, and resurrection.
- b. The Holy Spirit gives the gift / Faith receives the gift (Romans 5:2)

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) In what areas of your life do you need to accept God's grace today?
- 2) God extended an INCREDIBLE amount of UNENDING grace to you. In what ways can you extend it to others in hopes that they too can experience God's amazing grace?