

1. Get Acquainted/Get to know you - The Earned becomes The Gift

What is something that was earned by another but became yours, really yours, but as a gift?

Example: Our home, that we love very, very much and is better than anything we ever dreamed possible, is only ours as a gift from friends both the skilled folks who built it but also the friends who helped fund it.

Conclusion: We are loved by God and by some of his really amazing servants.

2. Worship: Worship God for His Works of Creation and Providence

Spend time thinking into the wonder of God's amazing creation and the adventure that is His control of all we are and do. Enjoy the wonder of God's ownership and governance.

God's Works of Creation – Ex Nihilo, Out of nothing something.

God's Works of Providence – God's controlling all his creatures and all their actions

3. Kingdom Centered Prayer: Prayer Training with Our Pastors

Pray with Us... from the worship folder is a great way to prepare for Corporate Worship but also a great way to enjoy the worship experience all week long.

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His love, splendor and grace. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He has shone the light of His grace into the darkness of this world, especially our hearts!
2. How have you lived in the darkness of this world, insistent on your own will? Confess your pride and folly to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal your heart by His work where you were guilty and helpless.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to come rescue us where our rebellion left us poor, ashamed and helpless. *Thank Him for giving us what we could never earn, and acting to save us from what we could never repair or escape.*
4. Who do you know that lives like they are in darkness? Ask the Lord to show Himself to them and flood their heart with the light of His love and forgiveness.
5. Ask the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love to conquer all of your fears. Pray for a sense of assurance by His Grace that you would live sure of His work against everything wrong in you, and that you would love others as He has loved you.

4. Sermon Reflection:

Introduction: Grace verses Performance, how old were you when you got your first paycheck?

Grace = God's Work, this is His Story, not ours

- God's work undergirds everything in your life.
- How thin or faded is that awareness in your life and thinking?

Self-Reliance and Proud Paychecks – We negotiate for pay

- How do we twist God’s grace into a system of performance?
- How do you live as if God owes you for some performance?
- Or how have you been nagged by some despair because of some failure?

This We Know – A firefighter carries O2 into a fire

- Why is our faith in God’s Sovereign Grace so comforting?
- Guilty and a Mess – Wrong done and Design Violated. Jesus is the solution to both!
- God’s love leaves us Confident and Unafraid.
- Fear reveals a lack of confidence in God’s plan and the work of Jesus.
 - Where are you afraid? List all your fears and then track God’s grace at work over time answering your prayers and giving confidence in His love for you.

5. Mission: Our mission.... God Acts. We Re-Act.

God thoughtfully Acts. We Reflectively Re-Act.

God Commands/Commends. We ONLY Re-commend.

Our mission starts with God, is of God, and ends with God.

We are missioned to love others with love that we have from God.

This week pray before, during and after each everything and see what happens.

