



DISCIPLES

Disciples Embrace the Gospel of Grace

Key idea:

Disciples embrace the gospel, admitting their sin and receiving God's grace offered to them in Christ.

Key text:

2 Timothy 2:1-2

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

Key points:

1. The Christian life begins by grace, is sustained by grace, and will be consummated by grace. It is all of grace!
2. The grace in which we grow strong is the grace that is found in and through the Gospel.
3. There can be no discipleship until we have recognized and admitted our sin and received the grace that is offered to us in Christ.
4. The Gospel of God's grace is the fuel for all discipleship and ministry in the local church.
5. The Gospel of God's grace is fuel to empower disciples to live obediently even in the face of suffering
6. Disciples grow strong in God's grace as they walk in the habits of grace - those activities which God has promised to use to give His grace and joy to His people. These include things like the Scripture, prayer, worship, fellowship, and service.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Why does a series on discipleship in the local church need to begin with the gospel of God's grace? Can't we just assume the Gospel and move on to other areas? Why or why not?
3. In Acts 20:24 Paul refer to his entire ministry as "testifying to the Gospel of God's grace". What does this tell us about the Gospel? What does it tell us about the nature of the Christian life? What does it tell us about the nature of the church?
4. As a believer, will you ever grow beyond your need for the grace of God? Why or why not?
5. What is the relationship between water baptism and discipleship? Have you been baptized in water? Why or why not?
6. What do we mean by the term 'habits of grace'? Why do we call them 'habits of grace'? Why do we sometimes call them 'means of grace'?
7. Can you name some of the habits of grace? How consistently are you growing strong in God's grace through these habits?
8. If you had to pick one of the habits of grace to grow in over the coming weeks which would it be?
9. Can you think of someone with whom you can share what you have learned this week? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share about the Gospel of God's grace, and invite them to a meeting.

Our Current Series: Disciples

Preview of next week: Disciples Love Our God (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)