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January 3, 2009 – Week 1

## We Value Growing into LOVING RELATIONSHIPS...

...ours with God and ours with others...all others. No matter who you are, no matter where you have been, if you are trying to figure out how to connect with God and

with other people, this is the place to discover how much God loves you and how you can grow in your love for God and others. We gather here to grow together in our ability to live out a life of unity in truth and love.

### Mark 12:30, 31 (NRSV)

(Jesus answered) you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

### John 3:16, 17

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

### Romans 3:21-24

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets,3:22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction,3:23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;3:24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

### Ephesians 2:13-18

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

### Ephesians 4:15

... speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...

### 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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January 10, 2010 - Week 2



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## Showing Grace and Mercy to Everyone

We value growing in our ability to offer everyone grace and mercy out of the exceeding abundance of both that we are being offered in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. No one who

attends here is flawless when it comes to interacting with God or with others. We do not seek perfect people here, only those with a desire to grow together in our ability to release the power of forgiving kindness that Christ gives to us.

### Ephesians 4:32

... be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, *but* the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (emphasis added)

### Isaiah 64:6 (NLT)

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.

### GOD'S RICHES AT CHRI<sup>S</sup>T'S EXPENSE

Grace is **getting** something we **do not** deserve/earn  
Mercy is **not getting** something we **do** deserve/earn

### Romans 3:22-24

...For there is no distinction since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

### Romans 5:8

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### Mark 7:21-23 (NLT)

... sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within...

### 1 Corinthians 10:12(Msg)

...we are just as capable of messing it up as they were. Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else.

### Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

### 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### Romans 8:11 (Msg)

even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

### Ephesians 4:29-32

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

### Matthew 18:23-35

The parable of the unmerciful servant



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January 17, 2010-Week 3

## Generosity and Service

**We value growing our acts of generosity and service.** There is no better way to reveal the reality of a God who cares enough for people to come to earth and give Himself

selflessly and completely than to do likewise for others. Jesus gave His life to meet our spiritual, physical, emotional and mental needs. Together: we are growing our opportunities to participate with God in meeting the needs of others in Jesus' name.

Luke 7:18b-22

So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'" Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

James 2:14-17 (Msg)

Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a

coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?

At Home Study

How do these passages help us secure the value of Christ like generosity and service?

Luke 4:16-21

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:21



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January 24, 2010-Week 4

## Participating in the LIFE fully lived

**We value growing our participation in a life fully lived** as demonstrated by the life of Jesus Christ and transformed by the Word of God.

We agree that in following the wisdom on full

display in Jesus and in the Bible, we can become the people God created us to be. We are learning to walk away from the self directed life. In and by our faith, together we are ever growing in tune with the Spirit directed life because it is the life that absolutely nothing can destroy.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 16:33b

"...In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I (Jesus) have conquered the world!"

1 Corinthians 15:17

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Acts 2:24

But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

"We never move on from the cross, only into a more profound understanding of the cross."  
David Prior

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

"God does not judge the condition or quality of His church by how good the meetings are on Sunday morning, but by how good the people are on Monday morning. The main calling of our life is more than just knowing the truth - it is having that truth become our life."

Rick Joyner.

1 Peter 2:9,10 (Msg)

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.