

LifeGroup Meeting

The Grace Given Legacy 4
"From Receiving Grace to Releasing Grace"

Get To Know You Question:

If you had to shout one phrase everywhere you went like the lepers did, what would yours be?

Let's Dig Deeper

Someone read **Matthew 8:1-3**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you?

1. Read **Matthew 5:44**. What emotions or resistance rise up in you when you hear Jesus command you to love your enemies and pray for them, and why do you think that reaction is so strong?
2. Read **Matthew 5:47**. In what specific ways should a follower of Jesus look noticeably different from the world, and where do you personally struggle to live that out?
3. Read **Leviticus 19:18**. If loving someone as yourself means caring for their needs with the same urgency as your own, what would need to change in how you treat others?
4. Read **Psalms 139:23-24**. Why is it difficult to ask God to examine your heart, especially in situations where you feel justified in how you've treated someone?
5. Think about a recent situation where someone frustrated or hurt you. What was your natural response, and how would grace have responded differently?
6. When you think about "loving your enemies," who specifically comes to mind, and what makes loving that person so difficult?
7. What are some ways people justify holding onto anger or bitterness while still believing they are in the right?
8. Where do you see an "us versus them" mindset showing up most clearly in your life or in our culture right now?

9. How do pride and self-protection keep you from loving others the way God calls you to?
10. What is the difference between defending God's truth and taking things personally, and why is that distinction so important?
11. When have you seen someone respond with grace in a situation where most people would have responded with anger or hate, and what impact did it have?
12. What does it look like in real life to pray for someone you disagree with or struggle to like?
13. In what ways can social media or political conversations shape your heart toward people in a negative way?
14. How does remembering your own need for grace change the way you view people who seem difficult, wrong, or even offensive?
15. If grace is something you have received freely, what is one practical way you can intentionally give that same grace to someone this week?
16. What did you do last week to be a blessing to someone? Share with the group. And what are you planning for this week?

Close in Prayer.