

GROUUPS

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RIOTS & REVIVALS: 03/15/2026 - Lance Watson

MAIN IDEA

“GOD IF YOU _____, THEN I _____.”

KEY SCRIPTURES

ACTS 20:32-38

TALK ABOUT IT

- ICEBREAKER: When you hear the word “grace”, what comes to mind first?
- Have you ever caught yourself praying or thinking something like: “God, if you do this, then I’ll do that”?
- Can you share a time you found yourself measuring your relationship with God based on your performance or behavior?
- Ephesians 2:1 says we were “dead in our sins.” What does this tell us about our spiritual condition before Christ?
- The passage says: “But God, who is rich in mercy...” How does God’s mercy contrast with what we actually deserve?
- How does understanding God’s mercy help us fully appreciate His grace?
- When we sin or fail, how do we usually try to restore our sense of being “right” with God, and how does this Scripture redirect that way of thinking?
- Ephesians 2:8 says salvation is “by grace... through faith.” What does this reveal about who deserves the credit for salvation?
- The sermon said: “Grace is getting what you don’t deserve.” What are some things believers receive from God that we could never earn?
- Why do people often struggle to accept grace without feeling like they need to earn it?
- Romans 3:22–24 reminds us that everyone has sinned, yet God freely makes us right. How does this truth challenge the way we view ourselves and others?
- How can we tell the difference between obedience flowing from grace and obedience trying to earn favor with God?
- Paul says he “commits you to God and to the word of His grace.” Why do you think he emphasizes grace as the foundation of their faith?
- Paul modeled hard work, generosity, and helping the weak. How does this demonstrate that grace is practical, not just theoretical?
- Can you share a time someone showed you grace in a way that deeply impacted you? Why was it so meaningful?
- If grace is better understood when demonstrated than defined, what are some practical ways we can show grace to others this week, especially to people who may not deserve it?
- Romans 6:14 says we are no longer under sin but under God’s grace. How does this freedom affect the way we respond to mistakes in our own life or in the lives of others?
- When you reflect on your own life, where do you find yourself relying on what you do rather than trusting what God has done?
- Why do you think it’s so easy for people to measure their standing with God based on behavior instead of grace?
- How does the truth that salvation is a gift, not a deal (Ephesians 2:8–9) change the way you approach your faith, your growth, or your failures?
- How can remembering our past spiritual condition help us live with humility and extend grace to others?
- If grace truly became personal in your life, what is one way your actions or attitude would change this week?

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - Easter at Sage Hills Church April 4th & 5th
 - Saturday, 3pm, 4:30pm & 6pm
 - Sunday, 8:30am, 10am, and 11:30am
- **EXPERIENCE:**
 - Become a Facilitator - Spring Groups
 - Alpha
 - Rooted
 - Sermon Based
 - Contact Becky at (509) 433-7402 for further details
- **EXPAND**
 - All Church Clean-up - Saturday, March 28, 2026
 - [Sign-up HERE](#)
 - Baptisms during ALL Easter Services - [Take the next step here](#)

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