

One Anothering *Small Group Discussion*

Week Five: Grace

“The one-anothers, then, are earthly dramas of heavenly realities; they are the love of Christ played out on ten thousand stages.”
Scott Hubbard

How do we care for one another well? The point of small groups is not to be “nice people” that hang out each week during our time together, but rather to be a group of people who love each other and reflect the realities of Christ’s better Kingdom of God.

Each week of this study, we will look at ways Christ modeled this for us and, by his grace, we can extend this to others within and outside the church.

Week 1: Humility
Week 2: Welcome
Week 3: Words
Week 4: Love
Week 5: Grace

LOOK *What do we see around us and in our lives?*

Share about a time someone was extremely gracious toward you. OR share about a time you had zero grace to extend. How did those situations turn out? What were the ripple effects?

Use post-it notes to brainstorm ways you DO SEE grace extended well in your small group and ways you COULD SEE or WOULD LIKE TO SEE this happen. Take a few minutes at the end of your time to revisit these post-it notes and then prayerfully consider what action items would be beneficial for your small group in the upcoming weeks/months.

This is really hard. Sometimes it almost seems impossible. The good news is that Christ has done this perfectly for us.

What does it look like to “one another” with grace like Christ? How did he model this for us?

Some quotations and content adapted from: *The Art of One-Anothering: How the Church Loves Like Christ* by Scott Hubbard
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-art-of-one-anothering>

**What are some examples within our church family?
What can we learn from outside our church?**

This love will hurt. Oh will it hurt. To forgive completely — not counting others’ sins against them, not holding onto it, not allowing it to become the lens through which we see them? This love feels, in some small measure, like Calvary love. And it shines with Calvary splendor. - Scott Hubbard

BOOK *What does Scripture say about this? Have smaller groups of 2-3 people look at the context, significance, etc. of these passages and report back to the larger group.*

**What are these passages regarding grace saying?
Why is this important?**

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:2

Bear with one another in love.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

**Where do we see grace play out in everyday life?
What do we see when grace isn’t happening?**

How do we, as a group, reflect the reality of this Kingdom? What could this look like for our group?

What could we experience if we did this well? (think at home, work, church, with neighbors, etc.)

TOOK *What will you take away from today’s discussion?
Possible questions to consider:*

When do you easily extend grace to others?

When is it most difficult for you?

How easily do you extend grace to yourself?