

REMINDER:

- Ben Hazelwood and Ben Waites will begin the **Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University** Course on Wednesday Night, March 5th. It is a 9 week course designed to equip families in money management and stewardship. Go online at the following link to sign up.
<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/22367/class/246857>
- **Special Missions contribution on March 23rd.**
- Go to <http://happenings.gracechapelchurch.com/> to view this week's bulletin, order of worship and songs we will enjoy together. Stay connected!

SERMON PROMO VIDEO - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vf9QV1rSi00&feature=youtu.be>

THE CALL TO MISSIONS - Because of Grace

BIG IDEA: Because of GRACE we GO.

ICE BREAKER

1. Have you traveled to another country or would you like to?
2. If you've traveled to another country or would like to...Why?
3. What were some of the difficulties you experienced or might experience in traveling to another country?

THINK

1. Why did Jesus tell His disciples to take the Gospel to the whole world (**Mk 16:15, Mt. 28:19, Acts 1:8**)?
2. Does that command apply to us? If so, why do you think the first Century Disciples were much more successful in accomplishing this mission?
3. What are some of the obstacles that keep us from fulfilling this command in our generation?

EXAMINE

Read each verse and then use the following questions to lead discussion about that verse.

1. In each verse, what is happening because of GRACE?
2. In each verse, what would our lives begin to look like if this GRACE were working powerfully in us?

Acts 4:32-34a All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them.

Acts 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

2 Corinthians 4:14-16 Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 8:5-7 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Colossians 1:6 In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

1 Peter 4:9-11 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

THIS WEEK: Live your life, "Because of grace!" How do you look at others who don't know Christ? How do you look at people who aren't like you? How do you look at people who hate your convictions? How can you go into the entire world because of Grace? Pray for God to bless our International Mission works in Mexico and India. Dream about how we can GO to more.