

<u>Helping Everyone Become – Our Grace Vision</u> February 5, 2023

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Help everyone become an outward-focused follower of Jesus

Jesus is our first love, our greatest joy, & our one message

We seek Jesus continually & do whatever He wants

All of us are helping others love & follow Jesus

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, **Ephesians 4:1 NKJV**

with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, **Ephesians 4:2 NKJV**

endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3 NKJV

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; **Ephesians 4:4 NKJV**

Jesus gives a divine calling to every Christian

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Ephesians 4:7 NKJV

Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." Ephesians 4:8 NKJV

Jesus gives spiritual gifts to every Christian

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **Ephesians 4:11 NKJV**

for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **Ephesians 4:12 NKJV**

till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **Ephesians 4:13 NKJV**

Jesus gives pastors to every Christian

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **Ephesians 4:14 NKJV**

but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— **Ephesians 4:15 NKJV**

from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. **Ephesians 4:16 NKJV**

Jesus calls every Christian to help their church spiritually

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This Week's **New Testament+ reading plan:**

- 1. 1 John 5
- 2. 2 John 1
- 3. 3 John 1
- 4. Revelation 1
- 5. Revelation 2
- 6. Psalm 139
- 7. Prayer & Reflection

NURSERY

JESUS LOVES ME

JESUS LOVES THE KIDS



Your inquisitive toddler will be surprised and delighted to know that Jesus loves everyone, including kids. This month we will have fun discovering the awe and wonder of Jesus with our toddlers while reminding them that Jesus loves everyone!

Memory Verse: Jesus loves kids. Mark 10:14 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Loves Everyone

Parent Connect: Today we learned that Jesus loves everyone and made a funny hug craft. Ask your kid to show you how they can give themselves and others hugs with their craft. Practice saying, "Jesus loves everyone" with your toddler.

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MIRACLES AND MINISTRY



THE LIFE OF JESUS.

This month we will continue to learn about Jesus' ministry and more of his miracles!

Memory Verse: You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the people. Psalm 77:14

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is Powerful – 5 Loaves and 2 Fish - John 6:1-15

Parent Connect: Today we learned about when Jesus turned 5 loaves and 2 fish into enough food to feed 5,000 people! Ask your kid to retell today's story using the sequencing activity sheet we made in class!

ELEMENTARY

VISION



OUTWARD-FOCUSED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Grace Church and Grace Kids exist to help everyone become an outward-focused follower of Jesus. When we have Jesus and live by this vision our lives reflect Him and help others know Him. In this series, we will be looking backwards through this vision statement to see how we can accomplish this.

Memory Verse: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

Heart of the Lesson: Help Everyone Become

Parent Connect: How can you help others become outward-focused followers of Jesus? Pray together for someone you know that doesn't know Jesus and invite them over for dinner.



The word "gospel" is used over 75 times in the New Testament! "Gospel" is translated from Greek and means Good News! What is this Good News? Join us the next five weeks as we learn the Good News, and how to share it with our friends.

Memory Verse: For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. Romans 1:16

Heart of the Lesson: Response Stations – John 1:12, Matthew 9:35-38

Parent Connect: Read Matthew 9:35-38. Do you think you could be a worker God is sending to the field? Pray and ask that God would send more workers to the field!

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

GRACE VISION

Help Everyone Become Outward-Focused Followers of Jesus!



At Grace Church, we want to help everyone become outward-focused followers of Jesus! But if we want to help everyone become outward-focused followers of Jesus, we need to understand who Jesus is, what it looks like to be an outward-focused follower, and how we can help others become followers!

Memory Verse: John 20:21 (NIRV) Jesus said, "May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you."

Heart of the Lesson: Helping Everyone Become Followers (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Parent Connect:

- Does God want only some of us to share Jesus, or should we all share Jesus?
- Where has God called you to share Jesus?
- What is something God has gifted you with that you can use to share Jesus?
- Who can you share Jesus with this week?