

SERMON ONE: GRACE BUILT PEOPLE - SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Key Scriptures: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, **full of grace and truth.** (Grace empowers you to walk out the truth we find in the Christian walk)

Ephesians 2:8-10

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Grace without truth is meaningless. Truth without grace is mean.
Grace with truth is MEDICINE.

What does the above statement, mean to you?

Grace Built People: Ephesians 2:8-10

What does it mean to be a grace-built person? How and where do good works fit into the life of a grace-built person?

Jesus lead with grace and mercy, before He introduced them to truth. (He did both).

- John 8 woman caught in adultery
- John 5:11-14 paralyzed man man healed
- John 4 woman at the well

All of the above examples – Jesus first showed grace on, then gave them truth that could pout boundaries around them to protect them from damage.

Jesus has called us to be like Him - if we have experienced grace, we must go and tel others.

Did Jesus tell us to go out and drop "Bombs" on people? You better believe it – grace bombs – good works that point people to Him: Matthew 5:14-16

What does Jesus tell us will happen when we walk in the good works prepared for us by letting our light shine before others? How have you encountered God's grace? How can you help others encounter it too? What keep you from dropping "grace bombs" if you've experienced them yourself?

Who and what are the neighbors and bombs God brought to mind during the message? Discuss the good works He has prepared for you.

Next Weekend Preview: Spurring One Another On: Hebrews 10:24

Sharing your story is not for your benefit; it motivates and inspires others to act. How can you keep one another accountable to dropping your Grace Bombs and sharing your stories? Next week you will get a tool to do just that....