EPISODE #93 - PROVERBS 25:20

SHOW GRACE TO THOSE WHO ARE HURTING

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OVERVIEW

Summer camp is coming to an end, and everyone is sad about it. Oliver Cuckoobee's happy songs and a failed science experiment by the "mad scientist" Dr. Bartholomew make things worse, teaching everyone the lesson of Proverbs 25:20, that it's ok to be sad, and that we need to show grace to those who are hurting.

PROVERBS 25:20

Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, and like vinegar on soda.

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- We learned that sometimes when people are sad, the most loving thing we can do is not to force a happy song or a quick fix on them, but to sit with them, listen, and let them share their hearts.
- Proverbs 25:20 reminds us that singing happy songs to a heavy heart is like pouring vinegar on soda
 it causes a reaction and it only makes things worse, not better.
- Jesus, in His grace, meets us in our sadness. He doesn't rush us to be happy instead, He weeps with us, just like He did with His friends when Lazarus died. And then, in His perfect time, He brings joy and healing.
- As His followers, we get to show grace to others by being present, patient, and prayerful with those who are hurting.

LET'S PRAY

Dear Heavenly Father,

thank You for sending Jesus who understands our sadness and meets us with compassion and grace.

Help us to be more like Him — patient with others when they are sad and ready to listen before trying to cheer them up.

Teach us to trust You with our heavy hearts and to find comfort in Your love.

Thank You that in Your time, You turn our mourning into joy.

In Jesus' Name we pray,

Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are some times that you have been sad about something?

How would you like others to help you when you are sad?

