



# Leader

10/2 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-6

## Theology Refresher - "Grace"

Grace can be variously defined as “God’s favor toward the unworthy” or “God’s benevolence on the undeserving.” Broken and deserving death, God gives us grace through his son Jesus, saving us from the penalty of death while we were still sinners. The Bible tells us that this grace is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8-10), not to be repaid. And as recipients of God's grace, we also respond to others in grace. It is this continuous, undeserved grace that fuels the Christian life.

## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How is your walk with the Lord? Did you have any opportunities to share the Lord with anyone?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement? How can we pray, encourage, and show love to them?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

[Dialogue]

2. Read our primary text. These Macedonians seemed to be overcome by the grace of God? From reading this text, what do you think was the catalyst for this outpouring of grace on their lives? Verse 5 says that they first gave themselves to the Lord. These Macedonians surrendered their lives to the Lord and recommitted themselves to God's leading and direction. If a Christian desires an outpouring of grace upon their life, they can find it through covenant renewal; through repentance and asking the Lord to restore the joy of your salvation (regularly applying the gospel to your life).
3. In this text we read that the Macedonians were a fully persuaded, fully surrendered people. What does this text point to as their motivation for their "radical" actions? They desired to bring relief to the saints (v.4), but their "radical" generosity (which was fueled by God's grace), was producing abundant and compounding joy (v.2). They were finding their ultimate satisfaction in the will of God.

4. Did the Macedonians just give of their money? What else did they surrender?

They also offered themselves (v. 5, "and then by the will of God to us"). They gave themselves to the needs of the saints by offering any personal help they were able to provide.

5. In the deepest sense, why should you or I be generous?

Because God is generous, and we represent His generosity.

6. How does this text challenge you? How does it affect your daily life?

[Dialogue]

7. How would you briefly summarize this passage? How might you share this passage/truth with someone else? A child? A family member?

[Dialogue]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- How are we doing as a group with the Great Commission?
  - Is there anyone that you need to invite to church or this group?
  - Is there anyone who needs to hear what we learned today in God's word?
  - Does anyone need a "refresher" on how to share the gospel?

## PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Without getting too specific, is there anything you want to repent of before the group?  
[apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger]
- Let's confess our shortcomings to the Lord and pray what we have learned in God's word.

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Sources:

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- <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-generosity.html>
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