

Why Christmas Changes Everything

Titus 2:11-14

Two Appearances:

The Appearance of GRACE

The Appearance of GLORY

Grace is God's love freely extended to the undeserving.

What do we do with GRACE?

Don't be defined by your sin, but by His grace.

The appearance of Grace demands a clear and uncompromising response of our association with Jesus in our profession and practice.

Stay Close to Jesus:

How you experience God is going to largely impact how people experience you.

We reflect the life of God to the degree that we absorb the life of God.

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

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Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or Community Group.

1. As you reflect back on the sermon, what did the Holy Spirit impress upon your heart? What was encouraging, challenging, and/or convicting for you?
2. Discuss the definition of Grace given in the sermon. Read John 3:16-17 aloud as a group. How well do you think you truly understand the Gospel? How well do you practice or extend the Gospel in your family? Where do you need to grow in regard to grace?
3. Do you struggle with guilt? If so, from what specifically? How can you apply the Gospel to your situation? What does it mean to define yourself by grace?
4. Looking at Titus 2:11-14, how do we best reflect the light and love of Christ in our lives? Contrast "trying harder", setting up "more boundaries" vs. staying close "abiding" with Jesus? What might this look like in everyday life? Is this to say that we should never set up boundaries? Why or why not?
5. Reflect back on the story of Simon and the sinful woman in Luke 7. How much have you touched and tasted your sin? Are you aware of your current heart condition? When did this moment(s) happen for you?
6. Discuss the impact of the last two points from Sunday's sermon under the heading of Staying Close to Jesus. Make application of this to your life specifically aloud with the group. What might that look like in your life, your family, at Crossroads, in our city?

