

SERVANTS OF JESUS KNOW AND GROW IN GRACE

BIG TRUTH: SERVANTS OF JESUS KNOW AND GROW IN GRACE

2 Peter 1:8; 3:18; Ephesians 4:7; Colossians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 20:15-16

“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity? So the last will be first, and the first last.”

BIG IDEAS

- Every person that God calls to serve Him is unworthy of their calling.
- Every servant of Jesus serves diligently with the time they have left on earth.
- Every servant enters God’s family the same way: grace.

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 19:29-20:16

UNITE - I AM CALLED

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- They are a servant of Jesus.
- They have been forgiven an unimaginable debt.
- To be a servant means to lay down their lives



Every student should feel...

- Awe at the forgiveness they have experienced in Christ.
- Thankful for the grace that brought them from death to life and into God’s family.
- Unworthy of the mercy and grace they have received



Every student should strive to...

- Forgive anyone who has wronged them as Jesus has forgiven them.
- Walk by faith instead of giving into anxiety.
- Be known by their allegiance to Christ and the gospel.



Every student should want...

- To be faithful and pursue obedience to God.
- To sacrifice their comfort and control for the sake of the gospel.
- To be committed to Christ above all else.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to serve diligently. We will pray for hearts that grow in this understanding and we will practice serving God diligently with thankful hearts.

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Read and meditate on Matthew 19:29-20:16.

As you read these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- What does it mean to serve diligently? Are there areas of your life that you lack diligence for the Lord? How can you remind yourself daily of your unworthiness as a servant?

Ponder what it means to be the recipient of God's grace.

- How are you undeserving?
- What are some ways you've felt entitled in your service to God?
- How can you humble yourself and serve the Lord this week?



Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you understand your own unworthiness.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you serve the Lord faithfully and steadfastly.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to help you live diligently for the Lord and to seek out opportunities to serve Him.



Make a list of the daily activities you do each day.

- Identify the activities as distractions or helpful things. Evaluate the ways you need to use your time more wisely in order to serve diligently for the Lord. Identify your idle time, or time that you spend on social media or bingeing TV shows. Think through how you can redeem this time. Commit to remove the unnecessary things in order to more fully serve Him.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss some ways that you can better understand God's grace. Spend time together looking up Scripture that speaks to God's grace and man's sinfulness.