

THE LAST WORD



JOHN 13-17

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Welcome & Announcements Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts

Call To Worship

[Ezekiel 37:1-6](#)

["Let Everything \(Praise the Lord\)"](#)

Smith, Bashta, Ingram,

Barrett, Feucht

["Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"](#)

Getty, Townend

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Cole Griffin

Assurance of Grace

Pastor Cole Griffin

["What a Friend We Have in Jesus"](#)

Converse, Scriven

["Glorify Thy Name"](#)

Adkins

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word [John 16:4b-15](#)

Kari DeBerg

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Ryan Boyer

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

(Psalm 63:3)

["This I Believe"](#)

Fielding, Crocker

Benediction

Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts

John 15:18-16:4a

The Work of the Holy Spirit

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. [5] But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ [6] But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. [7] Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. [8] And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: [9] concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; [10] concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; [11] concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

[12] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [13] When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. [14] He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [15] All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (ESV)

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Ryan Boyer

Sermon: Help On The Way

Scripture: [John 16:4b-15](#)

Date: February 21, 2021

For more information on this topic look into:

John: A 12-Week Study. (Knowing the Bible series) by Justin Buzzard

John 13-21 For You (God's Word for You) by Josh Moody

ESV Scripture Journal

Next week: [John 16:16-33](#)

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (ESV)

[Acts 1:8](#)

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

Jesus had already promised the coming of the Helper to the disciples earlier in his teaching. However, now he makes clear to them that the disciples will be better off once he goes away! How could he make this bold statement? It is because of the work that the Helper will do when he comes. He will bring conviction in relation to sin, righteousness, and judgment. In other words, the Spirit will do the work in people's hearts that will hopefully result in belief. Further, Jesus promises that the disciples themselves will be guided into all truth as he declares all that Jesus had said rather than adding new material. This is to our full advantage.

Discussion Questions

1. Is it truly better to give than to receive? If so, when did you internalize this truth? What are ways we might apply this truth in a negative way? How difficult is it for you to ask for help from others? How helpful is the Helper that Jesus sends to his followers?
2. Why didn't Jesus tell his disciples earlier that he was departing from them ([John 16:4b-7](#))? How does Jesus anticipate the concerns of the disciples? Jesus declares that they'll be better off after he departs. What is your reaction to this statement?
3. What change results in the disciples being more greatly advantaged? How does the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts also leave us more greatly advantaged? How have you experienced his presence as an advantage in your ability to live out your faith?
4. What does the Holy Spirit do when he comes into the world ([16:8-11](#))? How is this a continuation of Jesus' ministry? What is the disciples' responsibility to bring about conviction? How can we allow the Spirit to bring conviction to others through us?
5. What work does the Spirit of truth do in the disciples ([16:12-15](#))? How have you experienced the Spirit's guiding you into truth? How can we make sure that we are being guided into the truth according to Jesus? How does this reflect our greater advantage?

Classes: Begin February 21st



Our classes are designed to help you know and follow Christ more faithfully by developing a deeper understanding of God and his Word.

To register for a class visit graceinracine.com and sign-up online or stop by the Information Center for a registration form.

Tuesday Evenings - 7:00 pm Virtual Class

The Book of Deuteronomy (Jim Murray)

The Book of Deuteronomy is the center of the entire Old Testament, culminating the five books of Moses while pointing us forward to God's on-going redemptive purposes as revealed in the Prophets and the New Testament. But above all, it teaches us the timeless truth of what is at the heart of God's covenant relationship with his people. Join us for this 12-week class as we explore such topics as: what are the covenants and why are they important, what does it mean to be God's people, are Christians obligated to obey the commandments, and much more. Each class session will last for about an hour. Discussion guides and reference materials will be provided.

Sunday Mornings: 11am - Noon

These classes will meet in-person at Grace Church

The Righteous Will Live By Faith (Karen Sytsma | 6 weeks)

What is faith? What does it mean to live by faith? How do we “keep the faith” in this day and age? In this six-week women’s study, we will dive into the book of Hebrews to discover the answers to these questions. Topics include a brief overview of Hebrews, the definition of faith, the beliefs of faith, the tests of faith, overcoming through faith, the lives of men and women who lived by faith, Jesus—the Author and Perfecter of our faith. There will be some homework to help strengthen our understanding of the Word.

Seeing the Bible Through God's Big Picture (Pastor Ryan Boyer | 12 weeks)

The Bible is a big book! While we might know some stories from here and there, seeing the Bible as one cohesive story from Genesis to Revelation can be overwhelming yet necessary in understanding God’s overall plan. So, this class is here to help! Whether you are a newer believer or a seasoned saint, this class will help you to see how the whole story fits together. Using Vaughan Robert's book, *God's Big Picture*, we will work through the entire Bible and provide a useful and memorable framework to understand God’s progressive story of redemption. Books will be available for purchase in the bookstore for \$10.

Welcome to Grace Church!

It's great to have you here today and we'd love to connect with you! Visit graceinracine.com/connectcard or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



Friendly Reminders:

- Those 5 years of age and up are required to wear a face-covering when attending Sunday worship services. **Please keep your mask on during the entire service.**
- Forget your mask today? We have free ones at the info booth.
- Please maintain social distancing.
- After service, please exit the building and use outside spaces to visit while still maintaining distancing.
- If sharing a pew with another family please ensure 6 ft between your two families, making sure there are two white dots between you.
- Offering boxes are located outside the main sanctuary doors and in the balcony.
- The seating outside the sanctuary window is reserved for parents with infants and young children.
- The church staff is available by appointment, phone, and video conferencing during the week.

Membership & Baptism Class

Put down roots, grow in your faith, become a part of the family!
We'd love to have you join us in membership at Grace.



- Meets: Saturday, March 20th, 9 am-Noon
- Next Baptism Opportunity: Sunday, April 11th
- Register at graceinracine.com/membership or graceinracine.com/baptism

Care Ministry

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Jim Himsel

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Steve and Barb Mauer on the passing of Steve's mom, Virginia Clara Mauer.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 217 // Livestream Attendance: 137 households

Giving: Last Week: \$12,156 YTD: \$163,974 +/- Budget: \$-37,838

Here are some Key Words to Listen for in the sermon. Make a mark every time you hear these words:

HELPER

ADVANTAGE

GLORIFY

GUIDE

TRUTH



Help Is On the Way

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW AND THINK ABOUT HOW EACH TIES IN WITH TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:

**ADVANTAGE
AUTHORITY
BEAR**

**BEGINNING
COMES
CONCERNING**

**DECLARE
FATHER
GOING**

**GUIDE
HELPER
JUDGMENT**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS
SORROW
SPIRIT**

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**THIS WEEK'S
MEMORY VERSE IS
ACTS 1:8:**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

Work on committing this verse to memory and thinking about it this week.

What does the Holy Spirit give us the power to do according to this verse? What does this look like in our everyday life? Do you have this power?



REVIEW TODAY'S MESSAGE BY DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS AS A FAMILY:

1. Read John 16:4-15 together as a family. Retell the events of this passage in your own words. Where is this taking place? What is Jesus saying about Himself? How should we respond to what Jesus is saying?
2. According to this passage, it is a good thing that Jesus went away. Do you ever feel like it would be easier to live a life following Jesus if you could be with Him face to face, like the disciples? Why does Jesus say it is an advantage for him to go away? How can you see this advantage to be true both today and in the lives of the disciples who did see Him face to face?
3. Spend some time learning more about the Holy Spirit, the third member of the Trinity! Here are some passages you can read to find out more about what the Holy Spirit does and why He is such a blessing to believers: John 14:26; Romans 8:10-11, 14-17, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; and Ephesians 1:13

