

Compelled By Grace
Text: Acts 11:19-26
October 3, 2021

Big Idea: When grace is alive in us, it always results in impact.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Grace compels me to...

Point 1: SEE what God is Doing (v. 23a)

Question #5

- a) What is grace?
- b) What does it mean that grace SAVES us? (See: Ephesians 2:8-9)
- c) What does it mean that grace KEEPS us? (See: 2 Corinthians 12:9)
- d) What are some of the marks of an individual & church that is walking by the grace of God?
- e) What area(s) do you struggle to live in God's grace? Why are these areas a struggle?

Point 2: RESPOND (v. 23b)

Question #6

- a) How did Barnabas respond when he saw the grace of God in the church at Antioch?
- b) What are the 3 marks of a person living in gladness of the grace of God? Describe each. (v.24)
- c) When do you find it most difficult to be glad for others when you see the grace of God in their lives?
Why is this a struggle for you?
- d) How does the gospel free us & empower us to rejoice at the grace of God in the lives of others?

Point 3: ACT (v. 23c)

Question #7

- a) What did Barnabas exhort the believers in at Antioch as they faced their trials?
- b) What does it mean to be faithful to the Lord in all things?
- c) What does God promise to us if we persevere by His grace through our trials? (List Scriptures)
- d) What situation(s) are you facing right now that you struggle to remain faithful to the Lord?
- e) What means of grace has God given us to help us persevere? Which ones do you need to grow in?

Point #4: FOCUS (vv. 23d-26)

Question #8

- a) What does it mean to remain “steadfast in purpose” to the Lord?
- b) What are the purposes pastor Paul listed that we are to be remaining steadfast in growing in as Christians? (Give Scripture for each one). How do these “fuel” our steadfastness in Christ?
- c) Which of these do you find it the biggest struggle to grow in? Why?
- d) What is one step you can take this week and ask your small group to hold you accountable in to grow in this area?

Question #9

Write out the gospel in your own words as if you were sharing it with an unbeliever (You pick the context of that relationship). Use Scripture to support it.

Question #10

Send a note with a Scripture verse to each person in your small group this week (guys to guys, women to women) to encourage them to stay faithful to the Lord.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: Lord, You are a gracious God who is_____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Confess & repent of your unbelief in the sufficiency of God’s grace in_____.
- c) THANKSGIVING to God: Lord, I thank you for the grace you have shown in...
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Ask the Lord for the grace to remain steadfast in purpose/faithful on mission (use the list of purposes Paul gave as a guide).

Memory Verses:

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”-2 Corinthians 12: 9-10

