

# GRACE AMBASSADOR: BRINGING HEAVEN TO EARTH

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## 1.) Matthew 6:9-11

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

## 2.) Grace Distributed vs Grace Received

- Grace distributed is the mandate of this hour for the people of God.

## 3.) 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

“ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

## Grace Revealed!

1. The old is gone and the new is here!
2. We have been reconciled and we have the message of reconciliation.
3. We are Ambassadors, and literally beg the world to be reconciled to God.

## 4.) Grace Notes

- Church Gathered and Distributed
- Marketplace Assignments

## 5.) Colossians 2:6-7

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – March 5, 2023

*Matthew 6:9-10 9 “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’”*

### DISCOVER (Read Matthew 6:1-14)

1. What did Jesus have to say about how some were praying? Most of us have been called to pray whether in a small or large gathering. Have you found yourself praying as if you were talking to those around you more than God? Why should our focus be on the Father instead of on impressing those around us?
2. Dr. Jackson emphasized God’s kingdom coming to earth. How can His kingdom be established in a fallen world through fallen people? Why is the power of God needed for this to be fulfilled?
3. For us to be part of God’s kingdom, we need His grace. How often do you think about God’s grace? What does His grace mean for your walk with the Lord? When do you most desperately feel the need for His grace?
4. What are we called to do with each other regarding grace? Who do you know that exhibits grace in difficult circumstances? What stands out about their heart and grace-filled actions? Is it a mandate for believers to distribute grace to each other? Why is distributed grace so important?

### EXPLORE

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. How did you become a new creation when you first believed? What changed in your demeanor and consideration of others? What message does this scripture call on us to take into the world? What is our call to action in this scripture, “He has committed to us the word of reconciliation”? How is the church fulfilling this command? How are you doing in fulfillment of this command?
2. Read Colossians 2:6-7 What does it mean to be “firmly rooted”? Is being firmly rooted a matter of knowing scripture or walking with Him? Why do we sometimes feel ill-equipped when the power of God should be enabling us? How does His power play into the command for us to be reconciled with each other? What are some typical situations or specific experiences when your heart overflows with gratitude? How does the gratitude of others influence your attitude?

### EXPERIENCE

1. What actions do you need to take to soften your heart so that you will be a better distributor of grace? What does the sharing of grace do for the recipient? What does it do for you?
2. Reconciliation is sometimes needed when there are major rifts, but it is far more commonly needed in little moments throughout the day. What can you do to practice reconciliation so that you are ready for major rifts? With whom are you most likely to need reconciliation with most often? Do you have anything to reconcile with others right now? Explain.
3. If your heart is overflowing with gratitude then what should you do with your joy? What is the difference between joy and faking happiness? Practice joy. Practice sharing joy.
4. How does the sharing of grace, reconciliation with each other, and sharing gratitude bring the kingdom of heaven more into view for believers and non-believers?

### PRAY & APPLY

*Pray... Abba Father, what a joy it is to be your child. So often we think that all the work is on your side for bringing the kingdom of heaven to earth. Yet, you have called us to be part of your plan and to be on your team. To us, this is thrilling and scary. At times we feel ill-equipped but through your power we know all things are possible. Please soften our hearts so that we can be more other-centered as we strive to love our neighbors as ourselves. You are good and we love you. Amen. Apply...Prepare a loop in your mind to be ready share grace, reconcile with others, and to be thankful with everyone you meet.*