



Grace Hill Church

The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.

“The story may reveal more about the interpreter’s view of how God works than the interpreter reveals about what really happened.” ~Darrell L. Bock (Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament)

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ~John 6:35

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ~Philippians 4:11b-13

“It is surely of significance that no repayment is demanded from those who have received: the mercy of God is extended to all without reference to predetermined boundaries and without incipient demands or reciprocity.” ~Joel B. Green (The New International Commentary on the New Testament)

“Here are thousands of people, an undifferentiated mass of people, some undoubtedly unclean, others clean, some more faithful regarding the law, others less so. The food — is it clean? Has it been properly prepared? Have tithes been paid on it? Where is the water for washing in preparation for the table? Such concerns are so lacking from this scene that we might miss the extraordinary character of this meal, extraordinary precisely because these concerns are so completely absent. No attempt has been made by Jesus and the twelve, this representation of renewal of Israel, to preserve the social boundaries that characterized first-century Jewish life. Again, Luke’s narration underscores the degree to which God’s benefaction is without limits.” ~Joel B. Green (The New International Commentary on the New Testament)

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #24

Question: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Answer: Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 9.10-17*

On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. ¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ And they did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: *Are We Calling on Jesus to Provide or Trusting in What We Can Do?*

Outline:

1. The Disciples’ Mistake Shows Us Our Most Common Failure (v. 13-14a)
2. Jesus’ Provision Reveals What He is Capable of If We Call On Him (v. 14b-17)
3. The Disciples’ Growth Helps Us to Know We Can Learn to Trust Jesus in Faith (Acts 3-4)

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

Lord, we hear Your call but so often we lack faith to see Your way to meet the call. We try to solve spiritual problems by trusting in our earthly logic, skills, and resources. And when those do not provide a way forward, we frequently give up. Forgive us for not seeing that You might have brought us to the end of ourselves to show us Your way of bringing Your Kingdom and Your salvation.

Father, the universe sits in the palm of Your hand. Form us into those who come to You asking for Your resources to be used in Your way. Spirit, apply this to our hearts: enable us to feed on Jesus, who is our Bread of Life. Then let us have confidence in Your Son's resources for all the needs of the world. Jesus, fulfill Your Kingdom.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ~James 5:16b-17

Responding to the Lord with Worship

Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13.20–21)

Core Questions:

1. **How is the Holy Spirit whispering or shouting to you from this passage? What stands out for you?**
2. **How does the text intersect or engage your life?**
3. **Where do you find gospel conviction and gospel comfort in this passage? (Gospel = the specific act of Jesus taking your sin and sharing with you his victory.)**

Announcements:

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Renewed Covid Policy II. Starts 5/17/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
 1. Based on new medical recommendations, for those who have received their final vaccine, and waited roughly two weeks for full efficacy, masks are not required for indoor attendance. For those who have not been fully vaccinated, masks are required indoor for their own safety.
 2. Our live stream will continue, so please make your personal decisions about attending. We understand that some families with children will prefer to continue with the live stream.
 3. We affirm personal decision to continue to wear masks. If you are sick, please recover at home. Let's give thanks to God for continued progress against the pandemic and let's be thoughtful and considerate of our body, since every member is essential!
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
 1. Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
 2. Send a physical check
 3. Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
 - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.



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