



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.

So when you say, "It's okay to believe in Jesus; just don't convert anybody," what you're really saying is, "You must not believe in Jesus." Or here's another way to put it. What you're really saying is, "My cosmology, my view of the universe, is the one you should adopt. Abandon yours, this idea that Jesus Christ is the unique Son of God. Abandon your cosmology and adopt mine." Everyone is proselytizing for their cosmology, their view of the universe. To say, "Stop it" is to do it. You can't say to somebody, "Don't tell people they have to believe in Jesus Christ to be saved" without saying, "Abandon your cosmology and adopt mine," which is exactly the very thing you just told them they can't do. ~ Timothy Keller

But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village. ~ Luke 9:52-56

[additional passage on back of bulletin]

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 10:1-16*

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

Series: *Jesus' Mission and Uniqueness Directs Our Calling: Luke 10*

Sermon: *When They Do Not Receive You*

1. Jesus instructs us about what to do when people do not receive us, v.10
 - a. Some will not receive us, v.10, and some will object to Jesus' sending us at all, v.1
2. Why do we need these words from Jesus?
 - a. Our sin leads us to respond wrongly in two ways: Luke 9:54, 10:13-15
3. What are Jesus' instructions?
 - a. Wiping off dust, v.11, and affirming the reality of the Kingdom of Jesus, v.11

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, if we are honest we confess that there are times we might like the “bring fire down from heaven” option, but other times we wonder “does belief really matter?” But Jesus rebuked James and John [Luke 9:54] and said to shake off the dust and say, “the Kingdom of God has come near.” Help us to hear and follow Your words.

Father, Your single eternal plan of redemption has its fulness in Jesus. Jesus has sent us out [10:1-2]. When people receive us, help us to show the greatness of Your mercy and truth. When people do not receive us, enable us to testify that Your Gospel realities are still true. Make Your gospel known to all the earth; soften hearts to respond to You. Empower us to be gospel-shaped witnesses in every situation. Let us always live in Your great gospel security and identity.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep. ~ Acts 7:59–60

Remembering Jesus with Bread and Cup: Lord’s Supper

Jesus called those who find their life in His death and resurrection to receive the bread and cup as a tangible sign to remember and be strengthened by His gospel. It is a spiritual meal for all who believe in Him.

Whether you take the elements or not, we encourage you to use the time for personal reflection about your relationship with Jesus. *Juice is in the outer ring; wine is in the inner rings.

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Bread and Cup (Prayer for Those Searching for Truth)

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reason for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and let me know the reality of your love and glory. Give me an understanding of you that is captivating, convincing—that leads to You Yourself and the life You promise. Amen.

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. ~ Hebrews 13:20–21

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. ~ Acts 13:46–52

Announcements:

- **Grace Hill small groups** meet on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Information about each group is available on the Grace Hill calendar, located on our website under the “Get Involved” tag.
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
 - Use your bank’s BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
 - Send a physical check
 - 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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