House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

June: Back to the basics

Week 1 - Grace

Introduction

What does it mean to go back to the basics? Usually, when we use that term, we are implying that a refresher is required. We sometimes need to be reminded of why we do what we do, our raison d'être, as well as that which enables us to be who we are. Sometimes we need to take a step back in order to take a leap forward. The story of our walk with God starts from grace, His amazing grace towards us. That story takes us through the discovery of God's Word and His will concerning us, and on towards and into our journey of faith. In this 3-part step back to the basics of who we are, we will start with revisiting the subject of grace. We will remind ourselves of just how amazing grace is, and how it is the beginning of our walk with God.

Pilot text

<u>1 Cor 15:10 [AMP]</u> But by the [remarkable] grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not without effect. In fact, I worked harder than all of the apostles, though it was not I, but the grace of God [His unmerited favour and blessing which was] with me.

- What does grace mean to you? [Open discussion]
- What aspects of grace can we identify from the scriptures? In what different ways is grace depicted?
  - o Eph 2:8-9, Titus 2:11, Ezra 9:8, 2 Cor 9:8, 2 Cor 12:9
- Thinking back to our pilot text, in your view, what kind of grace was Paul referring to in this passage?
- Understanding what you do now about grace, what is/should be your response?
- Take home actions
  - Paul wrote in 1 Cor 15:10 "His grace toward me was not without effect". This week, take out some time consider what you should do with the grace of God that you see in your life. Can you say like Paul, that God's grace towards you is being effective?

## Note:

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