



Sermon Discussion Questions

March 31, 2019 (week 13)

**Series: Everyday Church
Sermon Title: Part 13**

Read 1 Peter 5:6-14

As you heard in the sermon that while living as exiles we can expect to experience several things highlighted through out the letter...

1. The attack of the enemy through temptation and suffering

Temptation is defined as going back to an old way of thinking and acting ... In what ways are you being tempted by the enemy? Or what are your current hardships in your everyday living?

2. We can also expect the support of our church family

How can you invite your community to walk along side you through these circumstances?

3. We can expect the care of our heavenly Father

We see in verse 7 that we can cast all our anxieties on Him... How has God shown up for you in the midst of your trials?

4. We can expect the hope of glory

We heard that apart from God, grief and joy are incompatible but in scripture we can see that they coexist. This is something that we may even say and want to believe. Spend some time reflecting on the hope found in this passage

Family Time

As a family, read and discuss 1 Peter 5:7 together. Talk as a family about the love and care of the Father and how you can show that same love to others?



Sermon Discussion Questions

March 24, 2019 (week 12)

Series: Everyday Church

Sermon Title: Part 12

Read 1 Peter 2:9-12

We were challenged in this sermon, to consider how to live and engage the mission of God more intentionally. Adam listed the following questions around where, when and what, to help us think practically about our personal engagement in God's mission.

Where?

Where are the places you can meet people?

Where do people experience community?

Are their existing social networks in which you can engage or do you need to find ways to create community in your neighborhood?

Where should you be to have missional opportunities? Family Time

When?

What are the patterns of your neighborhood?

When are times you can connect with people?

What cultural experiences and celebrations do people have?

When should we be available to have missional opportunities?

What?

What are peoples fears, hopes and hurts?

What are the basic needs of my neighborhood?

What gospel stories are told in your circles?

What are the barriers or beliefs and assumptions that cause people to dismiss the gospel?

What sin will the gospel first confront and heal?

What is the good news for people in this community?

What will church look like for people in this neighborhood?

Family Time

1 Peter 2:9-12

What do you treasure in your life?

This passage states that as Christians, we are God's treasured possession. Discuss this with your family. How does this make you feel? (i.e. encourage you, strengthen you, comfort you)

He also mentioned that God has given us a grace story to share with others. A good use of time this week may be to reflect your own personal story and write it out. A great way to practice your grace story is to think about your life before Christ. How God's grace has shaped your life since then.



Sermon Discussion Questions

March 17, 2019 (week 11)

**Series: Everyday Church
Sermon Title: Part 11**

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10

- It was said in the sermon that “We daily forget the Gospel and we daily forget that we’re sent to engage God’s mission”. In light of 1 Peter 2:9-10, practically speaking what are we, as the church, called to do daily in regards to the Gospel and being sent?
- It was said that “Mission is not an event, but our life”. Traditionally what has mission looked like in your life? Has it been event type thinking or intentional day to day living? What has held you back from making it the intentional day to day living?
- Who has God placed in your life that you have a burden for? As you view them through the lens of the Gospel, how can you pursue them intentionally? How can you speak boldly about what you believe deeply with this person?
- Do you feel like you are consistently quiet before God? If not, how can you be intentional with God this week?

Family Time

- Friendship is one of the best ways to share Jesus. When you look around your classroom, co-op, playground, sports team, etc. who is someone you can encourage and build a friendship with?



Sermon Discussion Questions

March 10, 2019 (week 10)

**Series: Everyday Church
Sermon Title: Part 10**

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- We have talked about stewardship the last few weeks. In your own words how would you define stewardship?
- Specifically this week we talked about stewardship of our money. The statement was made that “being generous should be a cheerful response to grace not a matter of obligation.” In your personal stewardship of your finances, do you feel your generosity is done in a spirit of cheerfulness or obligation? Discuss this with someone else.
- Practically speaking, in your own life what steps would be needed for you to be more generous?

Family Time

- Model a thankful heart. Express aloud your thankfulness for God’s provision of your family’s daily needs.
- Explain what the Bible teaches about tithing, and show children how they can figure their own tithe. Let them see you tithing cheerfully.



Sermon Discussion Questions

March 3, 2019 (week 9)

Series: Everyday Church
Sermon Title: Part 9

Focus text: *1 Peter 4:7-9*

- You heard it said that “Grace is the hospitality of God.” As you reflect on the Grace that has been given to you, how does that motivate you to be hospitable to others?
- Read again 1 Peter 4:9. It is clear that God desires that we be hospitable in a specific way. Hospitality is as much about action as it is the attitude of the heart. Because we are self-centered it is easy to “complain” as we are hospitable. As you strive to be hospitable ask God to give you a spirit of cheerfulness. Spend some time this week asking God for opportunities to be hospitable to others.
- Hospitality in 1 Peter 4:9 literally means “love of strangers.” What would it look like for strangers to become neighbors and neighbors to become family in your life?
- We were asked to start somewhere. So, as you think about starting where you are, with what you have, and with what you know, what practical steps can you take to be hospitable this week?

Family Time

- As a family, read 1 Peter 4:7-9
- What are some things God has given you?
- Are you willing to share these things with others?
- How can you share them with another person or family?



Sermon Discussion Questions

February 24, 2019 (week 8)

Series: Everyday Church

Sermon Title: Part 8

Focus text: *1 Peter 4:1-7*

- The question was posed in the sermon, “Am I living my life according to my agenda or God’s will?” Reflecting on this question, what are the areas in your life that you would say are more aligned with your agenda rather than God’s will?
- We were challenged to steward our time according to the will of God. In the illustration, we were reminded that all of our time is a gift from God. As you process that, how does this challenge you or has it given you a new perspective about your time?
- How can this truth help us to arm ourselves with a new way of thinking?

Family Time

- As a family, have a discussion about the things that you value and how do these play out in how you steward your time?
- As a student or child, how can you view your time at school as a gift from God?
- Truth: All of our time is a gift from God. What do you think God want us to spend our time doing?



Sermon Discussion Questions

February 18, 2019 (week 7)

Series: Everyday Church
Sermon Title: Part 7

Serves Sacrificially

Focus text: *1 Peter 2:21-25*

- This past Sunday we heard Adam talk about examples in which Jesus served. The greatest example being his death which is highlighted in this week's passage. When reflecting on Christ's example, how does this motivate and encourage you in your service to others?
- As you consider serving, what hinders you from serving those around you? What excuses do you find yourself making as to why you can't serve others?
- The statement was made that if our service to others is not rooted in the Gospel, it will result in self righteousness and will be exhausting. How can we grow to consistently root our service in the Gospel and how does the example of Christ motivate us to do so?
- What steps should you take today to serve others in the context of your everyday life?

Family Time

- What holds you back from serving others?
- Share about a time someone served you and it brought you joy?
- As a family, brainstorm creative ways to serve others at home, school and in your community. Then choose one to do as a family this week.
- Ask God to give you a heart to serve others in your life.



Sermon Discussion Questions

February 10, 2019 (week 6)

Series: Everyday Church
Sermon Title: Part 6

Serves Sacrificially

Focus text: *1 Peter 2*

In this week's sermon, much was made about our need to serve. Service is rooted in who we are as Christ followers. Read and reflect on these verses 1 Peter 2:9-10, 1 Peter 2:17, & 1 Peter 3: 8-9

- What does it mean to be a chosen people?
- As you reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ, what does it mean to be built up into a spiritual house? What does that look like in your everyday life in relation to serving others?
- As was discussed in the sermon "serving others is hard because people are people." As you take a moment to reflect on your own life, are there areas in your life that make it difficult for you to serve others or for others to serve you? In your time of prayer today is there something that you need to confess or surrender that would help make serving others an outcome of your everyday life?

Family Time

We serve others because of what Jesus did for us. As you talk with your child today remind them to be on the lookout today for someone who needs help. Helping others is a way to show God's love. * You can find more family time information in the Parent Cue App.



Sermon Discussion Questions

February 3, 2019 (week 5)

Series: Everyday Church

Sermon Title: Part 5

We want to live faithful lives of worship in our everyday lives, because 7>1!

Focus text: *1 Peter 1:1-9*

- In this sermon, you heard Phil ask, “What if church was an everyday act of living for you?” What would that look like in your everyday life?
- If you were taking an honest assessment of how you view church, would you see it as an event you attend or as a daily way of living?
- The statement was made, that in order to live faithful lives of worship in an everyday context, it requires that we love a God that we cannot see. (1:8-9) Is it easier to experience God’s love and presence in a context of church versus everyday life? As you think about your current circumstances, how have you experienced the love of God in everyday living?
- Often times we have seasons of life or days that can be difficult, what are some of the circumstances you are currently walking through that make it difficult to live a faithful life of worship? What promises can you draw out from this text that you need to believe God for to live a faithful life of worship, as you love a God that you cannot always see or hear?

Family Time

As a family read together *1 Peter 1:8-9*

Ask your children:

- What do you think it means to love a God you cannot see?
- What are some of the ways we can show our love to God?
- What are some of the ways God has shown His love to us even though we cannot see Him?
Examples provided: provides our needs, gives us a home, shows us what love looks like through our parents/family, sent Jesus to show us the Father’s love



Sermon Discussion Questions

January 27, 2019 (week 4)

Series: Everyday Church
Sermon Title: Part 4

Focus text: *1 Peter 1:22-2:3*

If we are moving towards a post-church society where our values are pushed to the side or marginalized how can we bridge the gap by living faithful lives of worship as exiles (distinct or uncommon life)?

- What does it mean to be the church and bridge the gap within an increasingly post-church society?
- It was stated that we all need community, what are some key differences in Gospel-Centered community versus other forms of community? Within this Gospel-Centered community, how can I “speak the truth in love” with those of differing opinions or perspectives?
- How does the Gospel allow me to be open and transparent with others?

Now as a family read together *1 Peter 2:2-3*

- When you’re hungry or thirsty, what do you do?
- Give me an example when Jesus met a need in your life? Let’s take some time today, and thank God for different ways He has blessed us as a family.



Sermon Discussion Questions

January 20, 2019 (week 3)

Series: Everyday Church
Sermon Title: Part 3

Focus text: *1 Peter 1:22-26*

In this week's sermon you heard the word community used several times. The word community can have a variety of meanings. For clarity, when we talk about biblical community at GracePoint we mean that biblical community is a place in which we are sharing a common life in Christ.

- What does the idea of 7>1 mean?
- For many people church has been defined by what they experience on a Sunday morning, which has led to an unhealthy view of church and a limited experience of community. An expectation at GracePoint is that we live in community. How is our family engaged in community beyond Sunday morning?
- It was said in the sermon that we all need community. Community is a place where we can walk through life's struggles together. God has given us community to help through hardship and to shape our growth in Him. Examine your life, who are you currently walking through life's struggles with?

Family Time:

- When you hear the word "church" what do you think of? Is it a building? Group of people? Class? A way of living?
- While the church has been traditionally known as a building, Scripture teaches us that it is more than that. Church should be a way of living for us every day. What are the things that would be true of our lives if we lived like this everyday?

Now as a family read together 1 Peter 1:22

- Part of being the church is loving each other with a "brotherly love." What does brotherly love look like? And how can we show it others on an everyday basis? Do we have neighbors or friends that we could demonstrate brotherly love to? Is there someone we could share a meal with? Someone we could visit and encourage?
- Pray with your family and ask God to help you grow in what it means to live as His church everyday and grow to love others with a brotherly love. In Jesus Name, Amen



Sermon Discussion Questions

January 13, 2019 (week 2)

Series: Everyday Church
Sermon Title: Community

Focus Text : *Acts 4:32-35 and I Peter 4:8-10*

- Do you find yourself in a healthy rhythm of being in biblical community? If so, who makes up that community?
- In this sermon, Bill states that how we love/treat one another defines the body of Christ in a world that does not know Him. In what ways do you choose to love others well? What may be some growth areas in your life in regards to loving others?
- Consider where you live, learn, work, and play. How can you be a faithful steward of God's grace to love "one another"?
- What are some areas in your life that you need to redefine in light of John 13:35?

Family Time:

As a family read together: Read John 13:35

- What would it look like to love one another within your home, community, and church?
- As a family pray about ways to show kindness outside of your home.
 - Examples:
 - Food for Every Child Initiative
 - Reach out to a specific family who is hurting
 - Making a card for a sick family



Sermon Discussion Questions

January 6, 2019 (week 1)

Series: Everyday Church

Sermon Title: Part 1

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