Grace Group Questions
03-3-2019 – John 15:7-11 – Pillars of our Relationship with Christ

REMINDER: The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Passage**: Read John 15:7-11
   - What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?

   - Can you outline the sermon?

2. **Observation – What did you hear?**
   - **John 15:8 - 8** *By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.* Who is the proof for in 15:8? Why is this proof important?

   - Scott said, *"Jesus' love is not a result of our obedience; our obedience is the result of our love for him."* Why is it important to understand the proper order contained in this statement?

   - What is Jesus teaching about the relationship between obedience and joy in this passage?

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**
   - Define what it means to *'glorify.'*

   - What did Jesus mean when he said, "*ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you"?* (John 15:7)

   - What does progressive obedience mean? How does this differ from perfect obedience?

4. **Application – How does this apply?**
   - Identify the kind of 'fruit' that marks out a genuine Christian? Based on that evidence, do you know someone who claims Christ but lacks fruit? How can you lovingly, yet directly address this with them?

   - Describe your reaction to Jesus' statement in **John 15:9 - 9** *As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.* What do you think and how do you feel when you read this verse?

   - What does your prayer life look like today? Are you praying in confidence of answered prayer? Why or why not?

5. **Prayer …**

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