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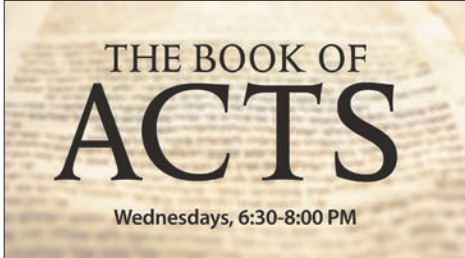
We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation — you set the pace.

If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Notes

Information



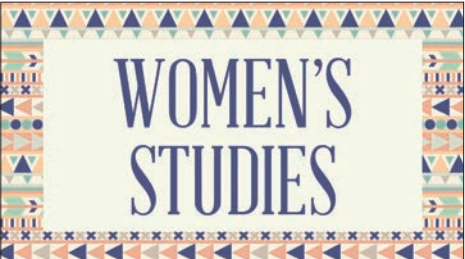
Explore the roots of the early church and reflect on its progression from Jewish-centered life in Jerusalem to a worldwide Gentile-dominated community. Begins September 9.



Discover how God has uniquely gifted you to serve Him and others by developing a life map and personal mission statement. Limited to eight participants.



Moms, this annual event is a great chance to spend some time with your little guy (through the 4th grade). Come play games, eat county fair food, and create memories. Cost is \$10.



Engage: Mondays beginning Sept. 14
Breath: Tuesdays beginning Sept. 15
Respectfully Yours: Tuesdays beginning Sept. 15
MOMs: Thursdays beginning Sept. 17



Our summer teaching series, which runs May 31–September 6, examines selected miracles of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. Each provides a unique glimpse of His eternal character and nature.

Updates and Family Matters

Fall Guides Now Available

The Fall 2015 edition of the *Guide to Grace Church*, which covers the next few months of life in our church family, is now available throughout the building. Take as many as you need for your family! If you find a group or study you'd like to join, it's easy to sign up online.

Israel Trip: June 3–13, 2016

You are invited to join us for a tour of "the Holy Land" as we study and experience the region that helped shape the early church. The cost of \$4,075 includes airfare, ground travel, accommodations, and two meals per day. A payment plan is available after your initial deposit.

Asian Christian Academy Trip

Please pray for our team as their time in India begins this week. Watch for occasional updates online as they share their stories of how God is at work in the region.

New Website

Our website has been completely redesigned with all the information you need for the upcoming Fall semester. It's faster than ever before, easier to use, and ready for your mobile phones and tablets. Signing up for events is quick and easy, and the latest ministry calendars are always available—view them online or subscribe to keep them on your phone or computer all the time.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed this tomorrow, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

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This Week

Churchwide

Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

Men

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Friday Morning Study

Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room

College & Career

Late Night

Tuesday, 7:00–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

Senior High

Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Junior High

Junior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

5th & 6th Grade

Breakaway

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft



Chapel Project Update

As is our custom, we are only committing to portions of the chapel project as the funds become available. We now lack just 3% of the total project cost, with about \$200,000 in new giving needed to finish landscaping, stained glass, and other features.

This Morning

Lesson 15: The Miracle of the Incredible Haul of Fish—*John 21:1–17*

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. **The setting for their meeting:** The risen Savior met with seven of His original disciples at the Sea of Galilee in accordance with the angelic directive issued to them (cp. Matthew 28:7)—*John 21:1–2*.
- II. **The diversion in their waiting:** The disciples resorted to a night of fruitless fishing in order to cope with the massive upheaval in their lives as they waited for their risen Master—*John 21:3*.
- III. **The directive from the shore:** The Son of God directed His disciples to cast their nets in a specific location to land a miraculous haul of fish—*John 21:4–6*.
- IV. **The rendezvous on the shore:** As soon as the seven disciples became aware that the nameless voice on shore was their Master, they made a beeline for Him as He waited by the breakfast He had prepared for them—*John 21:7–9*.
- V. **The realization of His resources:** In asking His disciples to bring Him some of the fish from their miraculous haul, the Lord Jesus Christ allowed them to realize His unique ability to sustain His people and provide for those who allow Him to direct their lives—*John 21:10–11*.
- VI. **The provision of His resources:** The Son of God fed His disciples bread and fish in His third post-resurrection appearance to them—*John 21:12–14*.
- VII. **The reinstatement to his calling:** The Lord Jesus led Peter to an honest assessment of himself as the catalyst to publically reinstate him in the presence of his fellow disciples as a shepherd of Christ’s flock—*John 21:15–17*.

	Jesus’ Question	Peter’s Answer
v. 15	Love – Gr. <i>agapao</i> “more than these” - provide food for My lambs	Love – Gr. <i>phileo</i>
v. 16	Love – Gr. <i>agapao</i> “just you” - shepherd My sheep	Love – Gr. <i>phileo</i>
v. 17	Love – Gr. <i>phileo</i> “just you” - provide food for My sheep	Love – Gr. <i>phileo</i>

Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning’s topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

1. As they waited on Jesus, Peter and the other disciples returned to what they knew prior to becoming disciples in order to pass the time: they went fishing. Have you ever felt anxious waiting on God? How, in those instances, do you pass the time as you wait for Him?
2. Jesus invited His disciples to bring some of the fish He’d directed them catch so that He could add them to the meal he’d prepared for them. Think back to a time when God called you to service. How have you seen God use the fruits of your labor as a means of providing for you?
3. In Jesus’s third post-resurrection appearance, He took time to sit and feed His disciples. In what ways have you felt most intimately loved by God? How has He taken care of you and shown His affection for you as His child?
4. Peter was obviously ashamed of his betrayal of Jesus, Who then gave him the opportunity to deal decisively with and be restored from that betrayal. Have you ever felt that you came up short or failed God in His calling for you? What would it mean to have the same conversation with Jesus that Peter had? How do you think Peter felt after Christ publicly reinstated him?
5. Peter had once boasted that he would never betray Jesus, overestimating, and perhaps overly-romanticizing, the magnitude and power of his feelings. In asking Peter three times about his love for Him, Jesus was leading Peter to an honest and realistic assessment of his affections. Have you ever found yourself swept up in emotion or zeal and perhaps over-estimating your faithfulness, only to be even more let down in your failure? What does it mean to you that Jesus sorted through that with Peter, and showed that He simply wants us to take our faith one day at a time?