### Welcome

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.

When you're ready for the next step, consider checking out an additional Sunday activity like Bible Fellowships or Community Groups, or a mid-week study that interests you. There are many great ways to connect with others in our church family each semester as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Pick up a *Guide to Grace Church* as you leave for more details!

### **Coming Soon**



We have only a few spots left for boy campers at Pine Cove's 1st–6th grade summer day camp happening here. Cost is \$260, register online at CampInTheCity.com.



Get your summer started with good friends, free food, and some lighthearted entertainment. Mark your calendars and watch for more details coming soon!

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#### Did you know...

... you can subscribe to calendars from our website on your smartphone or computer? Just visit any ministry's page and look for the red Subscribe to Calendar buttons.

Watch this space for more features that make it easy to connect with us!

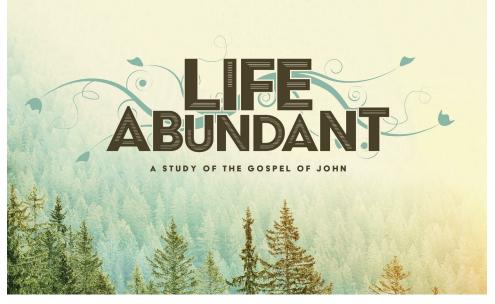


While many of our spring studies and activities are winding down during the month of May, we're preparing a number of new opportunities for the summer months ahead!

Watch for updated information about these new programs, coming soon to our website and the summer edition of the *Guide to Grace Church*.

## G Grace Church

### May 07, 2017



Today we're continuing our study of the Gospel of John and its unique perspective on the person and character of Jesus Christ. Together we'll develop a better understanding of how Jesus came to give us eternal life—and how to experience that life abundantly.

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If you would like to dedicate your child (age 18 months or younger) during worship next week, please contact Valerie Rhine no later than Monday at valerie@gracechurch.com.

## **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

#### **Community Groups**

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in various homes &

#### Men

Samson Society Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library 음 : Childcare available by reservation

#### High School

Youth Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

#### Middle School

Youth Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

#### 4th & 5th Grade

**Dinner and a Movie** Sunday, 5:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

### **This Morning**

Lesson 22: Jesus as the Light of the World, Part Two—John 8:31–59 Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. The promise of the Light of the World: The Lord promised greater freedom to those who believe in Him through a regularity of study and devotion to the Word of God— John 8:31–32.
- **II.** The prerogative of the Light of the World: Jesus offered to liberate unbelievers from bondage to indwelling sin and provide them with access to the Father's heavenly home—*John 8:33–36.*
- **III.** The dismantling by the Light of the World: Jesus pointed to His unbelieving audience's failure to "hear" His words and their desire to murder Him in dismantling their claim to be the spiritual seed of Abraham—John 8:37–51.

What His hostile audience claimed	What would have validated their claims	What invalidated their claims
We are Abraham's descendants (verse 39)	Following Abraham's example of rejoicing in Christ (verse 56)	Attempting to murder Christ (verse 40)
God is our Father (verse 41)	Loving God's Son (verse 42) and heeding God's words spoken through His Son (verse 47)	Dishonoring God's Son (verse 49) and not being able to hear His words (verse 43)
<b>His conclusion:</b> His unbelieving audience were not of God (verses 42–43) nor were they Abraham's descendents (verse 39). They were of their father the devil, who has always rejected the truth and been a murderer (verse 44), which is what characterized His hostile audience.		

- **IV.** The rejection of the Light of the World's promise: His hostile audience adamantly rejected the Savior's offer of eternal life and mocked His claim to know Father Abraham— John 8:52–53.
- V. The relationship of the Light of the World to Abraham: The Lord answered their dismissal of His relationship to Abraham by emphatically stating that He existed before the father of Israel did as the great "I AM"—John 8:54–59.

### Notes