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 one of the additional Sunday activities listed below. All are great ways to connect with others in our church family as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Pick up a Guide to Grace Church for more details!

Sundays



Our church family gathers for worship through Bible study and song at 9:00 or 10:30 AM.



Children, students, and adults meet at 9:00 or 10:30 for small group study and conversations.



Groups gather in homes on scheduled Sunday evenings to build relationships together.

Information



Join us (ages 12 and up) as we work together to provide refreshment and encouragement to the cyclists in our community. Sign up online or get more details in the Main Hall today!



4th-5th Grade Elevate: August 17 at 5:30 PM Men's Steak-out: August 17 at 6:00 PM Grade Promotion Sunday: August 21 Family Fall Kick-off: August 24 at 6:00 PM

Adult Jamaica Trip — July 16–23

Please pray for the team listed below as they prepare to travel to the Jamaica Deaf Village on Saturday. They will spend the week working together and building new relationships.

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July 10, 2016



This morning, we are continuing our summer study of Jesus' parables. In this series, which runs through September 4, various members of our leadership team will teach selected passages highlighting the unique nature of these "teaching stories" told by the Savior. We're glad you're here!

News and Family Matters

The Gideons International

We are joined this morning by a representative of The Gideons International, an organization which works to get God's Word into the hands of millions around the world.

Any cash given in the offering boxes this morning (or checks so designated) will be passed on to further their ministry.

High School Jamaica Trip Returns Saturday

As the adult team prepares to depart, our high school students are already working together at the Deaf Village. You can follow along with their adventures online this week through the following services—we'll also hear from them during Sunday morning worship later this month.

- Facebook (Grace Church Senior High)
- Instagram (@gracechurchstudents)
- Twitter (@graceseniorhigh)

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

Small Groups

Summer Community Groups

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM in various homes

Adult Studies

Financial Peace University

Thursday, 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 208

Men

Summer Study

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Mesquite Room

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Women

Better Together

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

What's It Like to Be Married to Me?

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

College & Career

Summer Late Night

Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 PM at 4502 Tobago

Senior High

Open G.Y.M.

Monday, 6:00-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Faith Mission

Friday, 7:00-8:30 PM at 1300 Travis

Junior High

Open G.Y.M.

Monday, 6:00-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Junior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM

5th & 6th Grade

Monday Funday

Monday, 6:00–8:00 PM in the Loft

Coyote Ranch Resort (3rd-6th Grade)

Wednesday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at 14145 US 287

Boys' Grub and Games

Thursday, 3:30-5:30 PM at 3409 Stirling

Girls' Popsicles and Pool Time

Thursday, 3:30-5:30 PM at 6 Sandpiper

Children

Coyote Ranch Resort (3rd-6th Grade)

Wednesday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at 14145 US 287

This Morning

The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin—Luke 15:1–10

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

I. The immediate context: Two distinct groups of people approached Jesus about His personal interaction with those who did not live according to Pharisaic standards— Luke 15:1–2.

The term "sinner" was used to refer to Jewish people who did not live according to the Pharisaic regulations that had been added to the Mosaic Law.

- **II.** The broader context: Jesus was having dinner in the home of a "ruler of the Pharisees" with ordinary people, many of whom were apparently Jewish believers, due to the nature of His teaching at dinner—*Luke 14:1–35*.
 - **A.** The nature of the Savior's teaching at the dinner implies that a large majority of the attendees were believing Jewish people—*Luke 14:1, 12–14.*
 - **B.** The Savior presented the parable of the great supper to explain how excuses in this life directly effect our experience in the kingdom of God—*Luke 14:15–24*.
 - **C.** He delineated the requirements to be His disciple and, with them, the need for careful planning—*Luke 14:25–33*.
 - **D.** Jesus talked about the difficulty of dealing with those who had lost the essential spiritual qualities necessary for discipleship, which He pictured as salt—*Luke 14:34–35*.
- **III.** The immediate question: "What is the Lord's position toward disciples who have lost their 'saltiness' or have left the path of discipleship?"
- **IV.** The broader question: "What is the Lord's position toward any 'sinner' who is disoriented in life and experience?"
- **V.** The parable of the lost sheep: A shepherd's elation over recovering a single lost sheep demonstrates heaven's joy over anyone whom the Lord embraces in His arms, whether he is a believer or not—*Luke 15:3–7*.
- **VI.** The parable of the lost coin: A woman's elation over finding a single lost coin demonstrates the angelic joy over a single regenerate or unregenerate "sinner" whom God scoops up into His hand—*Luke 15:8–10*.
- **VII.** The answer to both questions: God's heart is always open to anyone who is disoriented in life and experience, and He deals with each person on an individual basis, regardless of whether that person is already justified or not.
- **VIII.** The value of one: These two parables teach that God counts by "ones," because each of us are of incredible importance and value to Him.

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