Open Hands WK1 - Grace Changes Our Grip

2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Ephesians 1:7-8; 1 John 3:16-18

_____ changes the way you _____ what you _____.

Recognize God's _____, even when _____ is _____.

_____ doesn't start with _____. It starts with _____.

_____ yourself to the _____, including what you _____.

Remember what you have _____ in _____.

MY NOTES | OBSERVATIONS | QUESTIONS

SCHOOL SERVE! 11.09 Fort Mill Elementary & Middle @ 6:40-8:40am (Coffee)

Check the online calendar for upcoming special events and serve options.
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11.01 - NO Small Group - LUNCH @ Blue Smoke BBQ - 1500 Fort Mill Pkwy - 29715

11.01 - NO YOUTH GATHERING! LUNCH @ Blue Smoke BBQ

11.07 - Men's Monthly Bible Study - First 3 Chapters of John

11.14 - Women's Monthly Bible Study - First 3 Chapters of John

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OPEN HANDS WK1: Grace Changes Our Grip — ADULT DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What is one thing from the message that God used to encourage, challenge, or grow you?

2. When has recognizing the cost of someone's kindness deepened your gratitude? How did it affect your response to them and others around you?

3. What messages in our culture encourage us to hold tightly to money, possessions, or control? How do those messages influence our understanding of security?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1–5. What does Paul identify as the source of generosity? What does their response reveal about the relationship between hardship, joy, and giving themselves to the Lord?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:6–9. How does Paul connect generosity with grace and genuine love? What did Jesus give for our sake, and why does becoming "rich" in Him mean more than having money?

6. Read Ephesians 1:7–8. What have believers received through Jesus, and what did it cost Him? How does remembering that salvation is received by grace challenge the idea that giving or serving earns God's acceptance?

7. What is your tennis ball? Why is this something you grip so tightly right now? How might holding this prevent you from being generous?

8. What's your best next step this week to loosen your grip and entrust your tennis ball to Jesus? Share with the group and pray for one another.

OPEN HANDS WK1: Grace Changes Our Grip — YOUTH DISCUSSION

1. What is one thing from the message that helped you understand God's grace or generosity better?

2. What makes people feel they need more to be happy or important? How can that affect the way you treat what you have?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1–5. What surprises you about these churches? What does giving themselves first to the Lord mean? How does this impact their willingness to share?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9 and Ephesians 1:7–8. What did Jesus do for us that we could never do for ourselves? Why isn't His grace something we can earn by being helpful or generous?

5. What do you find difficult to share or place under Jesus' direction? How could remembering His grace help you respond differently in one situation this week?

6. Share one thing Jesus has done that you are thankful for. Pray together, thanking Him for His grace and asking Him to help you trust Him and respond generously.

Prayer Requests:

SOAP! Take a few minutes to SOAP through the passages referenced in the message. Find them at the top of the notes page. You may want to include verses before or after the passage too.