

West Hill Baptist Church
War Room Bible Study Week #3
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions 7:00

II. Week #1-2 Review 7:05

- a. Being on FIRE for God
- b. Unresolved anger, loving your enemy,
Christian accountability

Remember what we talked about two weeks ago

Those feelings that we have that we don't own because we are religious

Once you admit it and get it out, then we can start addressing it

God's word instructs us to bless those who curse you, pray for those who hate you, while you do good to those who spitefully use you.

We have to remember what spirituality is:

It is not about musing, but about behaving out of conviction

Moving by conviction, not by feeling

So while you are in those negative emotions, you begin to speak blessings to those who are curing you.

And your feelings will catch up to your conviction

Tonight, we will talk about Grace and Forgiveness

So when I say the word "Justice," what does that mean?

Getting what I deserve

So when I say the word "Mercy," what does that mean?

Not getting what I deserve

So when I say the word "Grace," what does that mean?

Getting what I don't deserve

III. Movie clip (Gospel and Grace) 7:10

- a. Ephesians 2:4-9
- b. Examples of God's grace

So let's explore Grace further: Give me some examples

Love and mercy given to us by God

God desires us to have grace not because we have earned it

It is generous

It is free

Totally unexpected and underserved

You cannot earn God's grace

c. Open discussion

IV. Grace demonstrated

7:25

God demonstrates his grace by:

Saving us from sins

Giving us strength and guidance

Taking care of us each day

a. Romans 3:23-24

b. Titus 2:11

The grace of God is not only what saves you, but sustains you.

You never need it more than when you face with a challenge

Remember to rely on God's grace day to day

V. A spiritual makeover

7:30

What is a Spiritual Makeover?

A spiritual makeover is a process in which God totally transforms the heart of an individual [through His word, Christ's blood and the indwelling of God's Spirit] and He takes the "old" heart and makes it brand new again.

It can also be defined as a renovation of someone's character or an alteration of one's attitude or demeanor in which varying energy, systems and programming that are not likened to God's image are removed from your mind, body and spirit and you are infused with aura and brightness of the true essence of God.

It is a journey that begins when Jesus takes our filthy rags of righteousness that came about by our sins and robes us in His righteous garment that can only be obtained through faith in Him.

a. Old vs New exercise

b. Biblical examples

Moses was transformed on Mount Sinai after spending a total of forty days and nights there with the Lord. His makeover was so remarkable, the Israelites, including Aaron were afraid to come near him. (Exodus 34:29-35)
In Matthew 17:2 Jesus was transformed on the mountain – His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as light.

Stephen was full of faith and of the Holy Spirit that his face was described to be like that of an angel. (Acts 6:15)

VI. Forgiveness

7:40

So now let's talk about forgiveness

a. John 8:1-11

This passage if you remember is about the scribes and Pharisees

They had a woman who had been caught in adultery

This is a situation when Jesus looked past the sin and he saw the person

Loving her as she was and not condemning her for her mistakes

This is an act of grace and forgiveness
You are not holding an action that someone did over them
And you not going to ever let them live it down because it feels right to hold onto it
As Christians, some things still take a process to get there
You will get there through prayer, continue to pray

Judging often times goes hand and hand with the inability to give grace and the inability to forgive
We saw some judging in the clip
It's easy for us to say, "I'm perfect and I don't have any issues."

b. Colossians 3:12-17

Sometimes we have disagreements with others that really bother us
You may not have been the person that caused it, but it continues to bother you
We have to be willing to have sincere conversations with others about things that bother us
Sometimes, people don't even know they may have done something to upset us

Forgiveness is a conscious act
You have to truly forgive
And you have to remember that the act of reconciliation is personal
You have to forgive and set things free regardless of what the other person does

So how can prayer help support grace and forgiveness?

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| VII. | Group work with prayer partner(s) | 7:45 |
| | a. Prayer of thanksgiving | |
| VIII. | Homework for Week #3 | 7:55 |
| IX. | Next meeting – Wednesday, April 17 (Victory Accomplished) | |