

TAKING IT HOME

1. The theme of grace and unfair love is present in all the passages we have read today. What are the ways you have received God's grace?

2. Is there a person, or a Church, or even yourself that you need to forgive? Spend some time writing down who it is and what you need to forgive. (If appropriate and you are open to it, share this with your Growth Group.)

Spend some time praying together that we might experience more of God's unfair love as we apply that same unfair love to those around us.

GREETINGS

A LETTER TO AN UNRULY CHURCH

Paul begins _____
1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul follows up with a _____
1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Grace is God's _____

APPLYING GOD'S GRACE...

... to those with whom you _____
1 Corinthians 1:4-9

"God, how am I GRATEFUL for this person?"

"God, because of You, how am I HOPEFUL for this person?"

... to the _____
1 Corinthians 1:2

... to _____
1 Corinthians 1:8-9

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of October 2, 2011

QUICK REVIEW: Look back at your notes from this Sunday's teaching. Was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

MY STORY

1. What are you grateful for about your church? Why is that important to you?
2. How have you experienced God's grace through a church, either Edgewater or another church?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. On Sunday Pastor John spoke about applying God's grace to those with whom you strongly disagree. Often those people say or do something that angers or hurts us. Jesus spoke of this in **Matthew 18:21-27**. Reading this passage, how would you describe the actions of the king?

Did the servant get what he deserved? Explain.

2. Continue reading **verses 28-35**. How does the first servant treat his fellow servant?

Was it a fair way to respond? Explain.

What is the reaction of the king when he finds out?

Why is he so upset?

From this passage, what can we learn about how God wants us to respond to His grace?

3. On Sunday we also learned about applying God's grace to His church. Read **Ephesians 5:25-27**. The Church is being compared to a bride that Christ has loved, cared, and died for. How would you describe the value that Jesus puts on the Church?

How would our lives change if we put the same value in the church as Christ did?