



Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - 2 Thessalonians: Grace makes all the difference.

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Joel continued our XXVII series with a message that explored the key themes of 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, focusing on the transformative power of grace. The Apostle Paul writes to encourage the suffering, instruct the confused, and warn the careless. He emphasizes that grace is an undeserved blessing and God-given empowerment that lifts us beyond our achievements and hard work. The sermon highlighted five variations of grace: saving, sustaining, giving, teaching, and enabling us to serve. Additionally, we delved into the concept of peace, which reassures us of God's presence amidst life's storms. Finally, we reflected on our calling from God to know Him, find freedom, discover our purpose, and make a difference.

The name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with Him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:12

Make It Practical:

5 Variations of Grace:

- Grace that saves - Ephesians 2:8-9
- Grace that sustains - 2 Corinthians 12:8
- Grace that gives - 2 Corinthians 8:7
- Grace that teaches - Titus 2:11-12
- Grace that enables us to serve - 1 Peter 4:10

You are called by God to:

- A Person - Know God
- A People - Find Freedom
- A Process - Discover Purpose
- A Place - Make a Difference

Talk About It

Understanding Grace:

- The sermon mentioned five variations of grace (grace that saves, sustains, gives, teaches, and enables us to serve). Which of these aspects of grace have you experienced most profoundly in your life, and how has it impacted your faith journey?

Living a Life Worthy of God's Call:

- 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 emphasizes praying for the ability to live a life worthy of God's call. What practical steps can we take to live out this prayer in our daily lives? How can we support each other in our community to accomplish the good things our faith prompts us to do?

Finding Peace Amidst Persecution:

- The sermon discussed peace with God and the peace of God, particularly in the context of enduring persecution and hardships (2 Thessalonians 1:3-7). How can we cultivate and maintain a sense of God's peace during challenging times? Can you share a personal experience where you felt God's peace in the midst of a difficult situation?

**Grace lifts us beyond our own achievements and hard work.
Peace assures us of God's presence, even in the storm.**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the time we've spent reflecting on Your Word. We are grateful for Your grace that saves, sustains, gives, teaches, and enables us to serve. Help us live lives worthy of Your call and empower us to do the good things our faith prompts. Grant us Your peace during hardships, and let our actions honor Jesus. Holy Spirit, guide and strengthen us as we support one another and seek Your will. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Baptisms are this week! Talk to your Group and ask if anyone is ready to take their Next Step in baptism. Baptisms happen every fourth Sunday and registrations are available online.