

GUIDEBOOK

THE HERE - FOR - GOOD PROJECT

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A little more than 23 years ago, a small group of believers held the first service of Grace Church in a rented community building.

We had a bold faith and a big dream of a church that could help people take their next steps toward Jesus in a community that loved each other well and loved their city even more.

In the two decades since, we've grown in size and in heart. The stories of radical life change that happen from week to week are a testimony to the Holy Spirit's work through you as you serve and sacrifice.

I believe God wants even more for Grace.

> I see a church that actively **brings biblical teaching and healing to our community** through both presence and partnerships.
>
> I see a vibrant local community of prayer, care, and worship that **still feels small while it makes room for more changed lives.**
>
> I see us **expanding our online reach to bring hope** to more of the 75 million American adults who are not a part of any church.
>
> I see a church that's healthy and whole for our community — that **brings honor to the name of Jesus Christ** by living out His love and faithfulness.

Join us in partnering with Him in ways beyond what we've ever done before — both now and for the next generation.

Join us as we declare that we are ***Here for Good.***

Pastor Mike

The Adkins are grateful to be *Here for Good* with you.

We are praying, dreaming, and making our own commitment alongside you because we've given our whole lives to what God is building through the people of Grace.



It feels especially meaningful to us in this season as our family has added a new grandson, Augustine Christopher Adkins.

Holding the next generation in our arms has made us even more aware that the church we build today becomes part of the spiritual inheritance we leave to those who will experience His goodness — all because we said "yes."


HERE
- FOR -
GOOD

We are *Here for Good.* We're here to stay, planting our stake in this Central Florida ground to be a home for Biblical teaching that takes people from lies to truth.

We are *Here for Good.* We're here to do good, and to bring healing that takes people from broken to whole.

We are *Here for Good.* We are called to be a people who don't wait for heaven, but who bring God's kingdom to earth in our current time.

This two-year project will disciple us to **think boldly, live bravely, love extravagantly, and give generously.**

YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

- MATTHEW 6:10

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THE STORY OF GRACE

2003
Grace Orlando Begins

A small congregation is planted in February by Senior Pastor Mike Adkins and his wife, Kelly, in a community center. By Easter, the church moves to rent the Florida Hospital Church on Orange Avenue.

2006–2008
Bringing Water to Rwanda

Grace partners with local churches to build wells, bringing clean water and the love of Jesus to thousands of people in rural Rwanda.

2011
Grace's Vision Grows

After growing for many years as a one-location church, Grace transitions from one location to a campus model, with these campuses eventually resulting in three independent church plants. The main campus moves to Edgewater High School. A 10-year partnership with Edgewood Children's Ranch begins, serving students and families through worship and practical support. Over the years, Grace also invests hundreds of thousands of dollars in local schools to support students and families.

2012–2013
Expanding Our Global Impact

Grace helps launch ten churches in Brazil, establishes a sustainable microfinance initiative in the Dominican Republic, and continues investing in communities around the world through strategic partnerships.

2017
Grace Orlando Moves into a Permanent Facility

After fourteen years of portable church, Grace purchases its first building and moves in on Easter weekend.

2018
Supporting Foster Families

Grace helps launch C127, equipping churches to care for foster families and vulnerable children through practical support and lasting relationships.

2026

Here for Good

With a commitment to the next generation and a passion to restore the reputation of Jesus and His Church, Grace begins plans to expand our facilities and bring the gospel to Central Florida and beyond in new and innovative ways.

As Grace Does Good continues to grow, we believe God is calling us into something even greater. Now, we're ready to expand the reach of Grace Does Good and invite even more people to make a lasting difference in our community and beyond.

2024

A Focus on Teaching & Healing

With a rapidly growing church and The Center for Teaching & Healing now open, Grace strategically focuses on a vision of teaching and healing in Orlando, returning to a single-location model with a dedicated Counseling Center.

2022

An Unimaginable Gift & Grace Does Good

Circle Community Church joins Grace and gifts us their property debt-free, paving the way for The Center for Teaching & Healing and a permanent home for Grace Counseling. Later that year, nearly two decades of local and global outreach come together under one shared vision: Grace Does Good, inviting every person at Grace to live on mission and make a difference.

2020

Grace Goes Online

Grace Online is born out of necessity (thanks, COVID!), but quickly grows to become one of the largest ways we impact people each week.

2019

Grace Counseling Is Born

The seeds are planted for what we pray will become a city-transforming ministry.

INVESTING IN IMPACT

Since *The Good Initiative* ended and 2025 began, we've seen God continue to move in incredible ways.



Lobby overflow in a Sunday service.



Grace Does Good refreshes a local elementary school.



Grace Counseling adds group counseling for kids in the Boys and Girls Club in Eatonville.

Since Jan 2025:

2,661
people gave their lives to Jesus

330
people baptized

25%
increase in Grace Online subscribers

1,113
people took a first step in generosity

79% of Grace's average weekly attendance are connected in Groups or Classes or Events outside of the weekend

100% of Sundays since Aug 17, 2025 have used our Overflow seating in the lobby

94% of Saturdays since Mar 28, 2026 have used it too.

**We're running out of room, but we're not running out of people to reach. Attendance has grown almost 10% year over year.*

320+
mentor/mentee pairings since the program launched in spring 2025

**With ages ranging from 18-72 this spring 2026*

$5,860,000
saved and subsidized in counseling fees for our community since we opened in 2019

Of the $5.86 million subsidized since opening in 2019, more than $2.53 million has been subsidized since January 2025. That means 43% of Grace Counseling's entire financial impact since opening has occurred in just the last 19 months.

10,000+ people have been helped by Grace Does Good

**That means you've helped more than 10,000 people receive practical care through affordable and gospel-centered counseling, food, clothing, household essentials, home and yard projects, meals, care packages, rent support, school supplies, and partnerships serving families experiencing hardship, homelessness, foster care, and other challenging circumstances.*

GOOD IN MOTION

Every day at Grace, we see God at work. **People meet Jesus** and take their next steps toward Him. **Families find hope** and healing. People who feel alone find community. **Needs are met.** Generosity grows. And people who have been loved and served discover the joy of loving and serving someone else.

No two stories look exactly the same. Some begin with a conversation, a counseling appointment, a class, or a simple yes to serving. But every next step matters. And as God works through His people, good keeps moving from one life to another, through families, friendships, neighborhoods, and generations.

These are just a few of those stories. →

S had been praying for his 10-year-old son, J, to know Jesus for himself. After attending a Candlelight service at Grace together, J wrote his dad a letter sharing how much he loved Grace and, more importantly, that he had given God control of his life.

J's story: Following Jesus

#SimpleSteps

"Our counselor has changed my son's life."

One family's story: Finding help and hope

#GraceCenteredTruth

"As a result of what we are learning in this class, my husband and I have been communicating so much better."

One couple's story: Growing together

#BiblicalMaturity

"We're not just welcomed into the room. We're wanted in it. That has made us want to lean in and contribute even more."

W's story: Finding belonging

#GenuineFamily

A single adoptive mom came to a Grace Does Good back-to-school event overwhelmed by the long lists of supplies her children needed. By the time she left, she had found 99% of what was on their lists, including supplies chosen specifically for her child.

Her story: From overwhelmed to grateful

#BigHeartedGenerosity

"I spent much of my life believing in a vague idea of God but not truly knowing Jesus. This past year, God revealed Himself to me through His Word and through the community at Grace, and my heart was awakened to the truth of who Jesus is and what He has done for me."

Her story: Surrendering her life to Jesus

#SimpleSteps

"I never had the courage to seek counseling even though I desperately needed it. It took my pastor to encourage me to do it, and my therapist has been such an answered prayer in my life."

Her story: Finding the courage to heal

#SimpleSteps

"God has changed my life so much, and I want to proclaim it. I'm excited to get to share that Jesus saved me. Now that I've taken the step of baptism, I'm excited to see what next step God has for me at Grace, and I'm ready to say yes to it."

R's story: Saying yes to Jesus

#SimpleSteps

"I connected with guys at my table who have continued to encourage me even after the class."

His story: Finding friends who keep showing up

#GenuineFamily

"If you are here, it means you still have hope. Don't lose that. Keep showing up. It gets better, I promise. I am proof."

One story: Finding hope and healing

#GraceCenteredTruth

"Having a safe space along with others going through similar struggles was refreshing."

One story: Realizing I'm not alone

#GenuineFamily

"The sermons I've been watching over the last month from your church have spoken to me in ways I never experienced growing up in a religious home. I'm a believer, but it's always been hard for me to FEEL my faith. Thank you for reaching me, and I thank God for connecting me with your YouTube channel."

One story: Growing in faith

#ConstantInnovation

J and L had participated in Grace's back-to-school collection for years, giving clothes and unused school supplies whenever they could. This year, they felt prompted to do something bigger, purchasing backpacks and supplies and intentionally choosing some that kids would be excited and proud to carry.

"Grace has always been our home and always done so much for us as well, so it felt like the right thing to do."

J's + L's story: Growing in generosity

#BigHeartedGenerosity

When a family experienced a significant financial change and began struggling to make rent, they reached out to Grace for help. One month's rent gave them the breathing room they needed while additional support helped them plan for a more sustainable future.

Later, the grandmother who had asked for help shared that she was no longer stressed because she knew God had her. She had even worked regular giving to Grace into her new budget.

"I thank God every day that He brought me to Grace Church."

Her story: Receiving help, then giving back

#BigHeartedGenerosity

"I learned to look deeper for what God wants me to learn in my grief over the loss of my wife."

His story: Finding God in grief

#BiblicalMaturity

"I've seen so many amazing things that God has done in this church. I have countless stories of the church showing up for us when we needed it most. I can't imagine investing in something more important."

C's story: Investing in what matters most

#BigHeartedGenerosity

"Low-cost sessions are what allowed me to choose faith-based counseling."

Her story: Finding accessible care

#RadicalHospitality

"After 7 years of divorce, God restored our marriage. Our family is whole with God at the center. He can do immeasurably MORE!"

Their story: A marriage restored

#GraceCenteredTruth

"The leaders and our table were so supportive and prayed for us during some dark times. Their grace and understanding and ability to lead with love was unmatched."

Their story: Being supported through hard seasons

#GenuineFamily

P walked into Grace for the first time in the middle of an uncertain season. He was navigating an unexpected breakup, preparing to start nursing school, and carrying a lot of other things at once. When a volunteer noticed him in the lobby, it opened the door for a conversation and an invitation to keep talking.

A few days later, P reached out. He needed someone to talk to and asked for prayer. That conversation became an opportunity to share the gospel with him for the very first time. And that day, P gave his life to Jesus.

P's story: Meeting Jesus for the first time

#SimpleSteps

After a Sunday in Gracekids, one third grader couldn't stop talking about the Bible story she'd learned. Later, when her mom asked her to write a new message for the family's letter board, she wrote:

"The rich gave lots of $. A woman gave all she had. God blessed her more."

Her mom sent a picture to Grace simply to let her teachers know: what you're teaching is getting through.

Her story: Growing in God's Word

#GraceCenteredTruth

"After feeling stagnant for so long, coming to classes like this that challenge my perspective and point me back to Jesus and the truth of the Bible has been incredibly encouraging."

Her story: Moving forward in faith

#BiblicalMaturity

A dad came to the back-to-school event and was stunned by what he called the "radical generosity" he experienced. Even the quality of the supplies mattered. His middle-school son left with a backpack he was proud to carry, and his dad left feeling that his child had been cared for with dignity.

Their story: Being cared for with dignity

#BigHeartedGenerosity

"It was encouraging to know I wasn't alone and really felt like we were a community. So many people of different ages, backgrounds, and life stories. Our leaders were so helpful and helped me feel better as I prepare for my marriage. Would recommend this to lots of people! Wish I went even sooner."

Her story: Finding community for the journey

#GenuineFamily

A family returned home after a Grace Does Good team had spent the day cleaning, working in their yard, and caring for their home. What stayed with them wasn't simply everything that had been accomplished. It was what all of that work represented.

"Being seen, supported, and cared for like that had a real impact on both of us. It made a difference in a way that will stick."

Their story: Being seen and cared for

#ExtraordinaryServanthood

A mom of four who had recently lost her job came to the back-to-school event during an already stressful season. All four of her kids received haircuts and the supplies they needed. Before she left, she was encouraged to get a haircut too and walked out with a big smile.

Her story: Finding relief in a hard season

#RadicalHospitality

"Grace came into our lives during a season when so much felt uncertain, like growing our family, work and life, and finding our place in a church community. While not everything was sorted out perfectly, we found ourselves walking alongside friends who have become family through some incredibly difficult seasons and decisions that we'd shared. Grace has been a place where our walk with Christ became a walk with His people, too.

I also haven't ever served so much at a church before. From Grace Does Good, shuttle driving, online moderating, platform team, everything stands on an 'it's not about me' mentality. It helps that everyone serving with me seems to genuinely believe the same!"

D's story: Walking with Christ and His people

#ExtraordinaryServanthood

"God has used serving at Grace Church to give me the courage to trust again.

I came to Grace after an eight-year search for a safe, loving, biblically sound church community. I wanted to believe healthy churches existed. It just hadn't been my experience.

I began serving partly because I wanted to see up close whether what was said from the platform was actually lived out. I discovered a community where every person, and their story, mattered. I felt seen, cared for, encouraged, trusted, and known.

Through serving, God hasn't simply given me a place to belong. He has begun restoring something I wasn't sure I would experience again: the courage to hope, trust, and be fully known in Christian community."

K's story: Finding the courage to trust again

#GenuineFamily

"Being surrounded by community has helped us in our faith and has blessed us in our times of struggle."

L's story: Finding strength in community

#GenuineFamily

"Our counselor has connected with our son in a way that he feels safe, comfortable and looks forward to his sessions. We have learned new ways to communicate with our son and support him through his healing."

Their story: Learning to heal together

#GraceCenteredTruth

"Serving at Grace has helped me connect with the most amazing people! It has allowed me to move past the quick 'hello' hallway interactions into deeper friendships where I am known and loved. It's always rewarding to be able to use whatever gifts I have to serve the body of Christ."

E's story: Finding deeper community

#ExtraordinaryServanthood

"I feel seen and known by others."

Her story: Finding a place to belong

#GenuineFamily

This is a moment at Grace like no other. We are prayerfully entering a two-year generosity initiative for our church, as we look to **become what God is calling us to be as people and as a church.**

> **ALSO, SEEK THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE CITY TO WHICH I HAVE CARRIED YOU INTO EXILE. PRAY TO THE LORD FOR IT, BECAUSE IF IT PROSPERS, YOU TOO WILL PROSPER.**
>
> **- JEREMIAH 29:7**

PRIMARY GOAL

100% Engagement

We want every single person to take his or her next step in discipleship and grow in generosity. Our prayer is for God to open each of our hearts to be the church He's called us to be.

SECONDARY GOAL

$50 million in generosity

Our secondary goal is $50 million in generosity over the next two years.



WHAT WILL $50 MILLION DO?

HERE FOR GOOD TODAY:

$22 MILLION

Fueling what we're doing right now.

Our ministry is restoring thousands of life stories each week with our unique approach to biblical teaching and healing.

This amount will:

- help us fund our **regular operating budget** — what we're already doing to change your life and the lives of the next generation over the next two years.
- **increase our impact in both our local and online spaces.**

HERE FOR GOOD TOMORROW:

$28 MILLION

Fueling all that God is calling Grace to become.

This amount will:

- **expand our current facilities** with a new sanctuary, new kids and students spaces, and more room for connection, service, celebration, and prayer.
- **broaden Grace Counseling's impact** through expansion, through online services, and through building medical and community partnerships throughout the city.
- **develop Grace Does Good into a movement** that meets the practical needs of our community and leads Orlando to know that this church loves them in the name of Jesus Christ.



HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?





01

Pray Persistently

Pray that God will impact the heart of each person at Grace Church and that we will hear His invitation to partner with His work here.

02

Commit Fully

Answer our prayer for 100% engagement by saying YES to this project and encouraging others to do the same.

03

Celebrate Loudly

God is going to do amazing things in your life and this church during this season. Share them with those around you!

04

Give Generously

Ask God to show you what it looks like to give in a way that changes you and take bold steps to be ***Here for Good.***

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

The five stages on the next page focus on behaviors and attitudes of our hearts – our discipleship – rather than on amounts or percentages. **Each step represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice that transforms us into the likeness of Christ, who gave up everything.**

Scripture encourages us to grow in every facet of our walk with Christ, including the grace of giving.

THE GIVING DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

An Initial Giver

is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift. They experience the initial joy of putting Jesus' words into action (Matthew 7:24).

A Consistent Giver

is someone who decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis to exercise the discipline of giving as a disciple of Jesus. Often, someone who decides to make their gift an online recurring gift will be someone who is learning the joy of consistency. Non-online givers can be consistent givers as well of course; it just requires more discipline. They experience the joy of excelling in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7).

A Priority Giver

is someone who understands the pre-eminence of Christ and that He is before all things – that all things were created by Him, for Him, through Him, and to Him. This giver places such a significant priority on their giving that it drives their spending and their saving, as opposed to their spending and saving driving their giving. They experience the freedom of serving "one master" and declaring Jesus is first (Matthew 6:19-24 and Colossians 1:15–20).

It doesn't matter where you are.
It matters that you **take a next step.**

A Surrendered Giver

is someone who recognizes that Christ surrendered His whole self for us, and therefore we desire to surrender our whole selves to Him, in love (Ephesians 5:1-2). This giver would say, "My giving is not just changing my spending and saving. It's also changing me!" They also look at what they're not giving away and ask, "Is it surrendered too?" This informs how they use everything they've been blessed and entrusted with – whether that be through direct monetary giving or through a God-honoring use of an existing resource (i.e. honoring God with the use of your home, etc.)

An Eternal Giver

is someone who sees the eternal impact of their giving – on them and on others – not just the immediate programs and ministries it helps accomplish. This giver has been captivated by the knowledge that the more they are led to "do good, to be generous and ready to share," the more they "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:19). This encourages them to keep growing! They make all decisions (big purchases, savings, giving, relationships, areas of service) in light of how it will affect their eternal impact.

GOD, DO GOOD THROUGH ME.

Watch: How to Fill Out Your Commitment Card

$ _____ What I/we would normally give in a year (regular giving, building fund, special offerings, etc.)

+ $ _____ My/Our expanded annual generosity as part of the ***Here for Good Project***

= $ _____ x 2 years

= $ _____

Gifts from my/our stored resources = $ _____

MY/OUR TOTAL 2-YEAR HERE FOR GOOD COMMITMENT

$

DEC 2026 – DEC 2028

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Commitment Weekend is November 14th & 15th. On that weekend, in every worship service, the Grace Church family will submit their completed commitment cards in support of the *Here for Good Project* vision. You can also submit it at our churchwide Advance Commitment Night on Thursday, October 29.

TWO-YEAR GIFT CHART

Use this gift chart as a discipleship tool.

We want every single person to take his or her next step in discipleship and grow in generosity.

Gift Needed	Two Year Gift Level	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift	Gift Level Total
1	$5,000,000	$2,500,000	$208,333	$5,000,000
1	$3,500,000	$1,750,000	$145,833	$3,500,000
1	$2,500,000	$1,250,000	$104,167	$2,500,000
2	$1,500,000	$750,000	$62,500	$3,000,000
3	$1,000,000	$500,000	$41,667	$3,000,000
4	$500,000	$250,000	$20,833	$2,000,000
5	$350,000	$175,000	$14,583	$1,750,000
10	$250,000	$125,000	$10,417	$2,500,000
12	$150,000	$75,000	$6,250	$1,800,000
15	$125,000	$62,500	$5,208	$1,875,000
20	$100,000	$50,000	$4,167	$2,000,000
25	$75,000	$37,500	$3,125	$1,875,000
35	$65,000	$32,500	$2,708	$2,275,000
65	$50,000	$25,000	$2,083	$3,250,000
80	$35,000	$17,500	$1,458	$2,800,000
105	$25,000	$12,500	$1,042	$2,625,000
120	$15,000	$7,500	$625	$1,800,000
150	$10,000	$5,000	$417	$1,500,000
250	$7,500	$3,750	$313	$1,875,000
350	$5,000	$2,500	$208	$1,750,000
Many	$2,500	$ 1,250	$104	$1,325,000
			Total Gift Goal: $50,000,000	

ONE MISSION. ONE FUND.

You may have been part of a church where giving was divided into separate funds. One fund supported the day-to-day ministry of the church, while another supported special initiatives like building projects or future expansion.

At Grace, we've chosen a different approach.

Because we believe we're united around one mission, **helping people take their next steps toward Christ**, we've chosen a **one-fund approach** to generosity. As someone who calls Grace home, **you're a part of that mission.**

Instead of separating our regular ministry from our *Here for Good* vision, **every gift goes into one shared fund that supports both.**

This approach keeps our focus where it belongs: on the mission God has called us to. It also allows us to celebrate the full impact of our generosity together, knowing that every gift helps more people take their next steps toward Christ, strengthens the ministries that serve our church, and prepares the way for future generations.

> ***Here for Good* isn't a separate mission. It's an investment in the same mission God has called Grace to from the very beginning.**

As you pray about your commitment, we invite you to consider how God might use your generosity to help more people take their next steps toward Christ, both now and for years to come.


Grace



HERE FOR GOOD

WEEK 1 SERIES STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 1

YOU ARE HERE ON PURPOSE

You are not stuck. You are sent.

Jeremiah 29:4-14

4 This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile
from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat
what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons
and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters.
Increase in number there; do not decrease. 7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity
of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it
prospers, you too will prosper." 8 Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel,
says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to
the dreams you encourage them to have. 9 They are prophesying lies to you in my
name. I have not sent them," declares the Lord.

10 This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will
come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know
the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm
you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and
pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me
with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you
back from captivity.[a] I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have
banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I
carried you into exile."

2 Corinthians 9:8

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all
that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

Watch the Week 1 video at
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01 Purpose always precedes generosity. While your current season may seem like one of frustration or feeling stuck, what if God actually placed you there intentionally for His purpose? What if God has "sent you out" to do good in this very season, possibly in new and different ways? How do you resonate with that sentiment in your life currently?

02 In this current season of your life, have you been operating in a purposeful manner, seeing yourself as sent on a mission from God? Or has there been a barrier to that and possibly you have been limiting what God is calling you to do because you are feeling "stuck" and frustrated. What might God be asking you to do? How might He be seeking to change your perspective?

03 As you think about the vision of *Here for Good*, it calls each and every one of us at Grace to seek God and ask Him what He is calling us to in this season. This is a very special and important season for Grace, just as the season in 2 Chronicles 29 when David was raising the funds for Solomon to build the temple. Just as those early believers and leaders worshipped the Lord, acknowledged Him as the giver and provider of everything, and offered up their gifts generously to this effort, how is God positioning you to be ready to do the same in this season for Grace?




TO LIFE

HERE FOR GOOD

WEEK 2 SERIES STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 2

BUILD WHAT MATTERS

What you build reveals what you believe.

Jeremiah 29:5-6

5 "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.

2 Corinthians 9:8

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

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WeAreHereforGood.com

01 If you did an honest assessment of the things in your life you spend time and money on, which ones would be constituted as “temporary” in their lasting effect, and which ones would be constituted as “eternal?” With regard to the ones you would classify as temporary, be challenged to share them out loud for accountability. What next steps might God be asking you to take related to these “temporary investments” of money and time?

02 What barriers – or possibly perceived barriers – might exist in your life currently that are preventing you from investing more of yourself in eternal things?

03 How can you combat the temptation to invest in the instant gratification of the temporary things of this world?



HERE FOR GOOD

WEEK 3 SERIES STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 3

SEEK THE GOOD

Your flourishing is tied to others' flourishing.

Jeremiah 29:7

7 “Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

17 You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

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WeAreHereforGood.com

01 Do you feel you have an awareness of the people around you deeply enough to care about their well being? How could you be more connected and aware of the needs of others around you? What next steps might you take in this?

02 It is God who brings flourishing. How have you been tempted to gain pride about your own flourishing being tied to your own accomplishments or abilities? How can you turn those motivations back to God as the source of your success and flourishing?

03 As you think about the *Here for Good Project* and the possibilities for what this investment will mean in the future, how does this impact your desires for giving in the present?


DISCOVER GROUPS
Finding genuine family and taking next step toward Jesus in community
SHARING THE GOSPEL
"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful."
– Hebrews 10:23
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WEEK 4 SERIES STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 4

TRUST THE RIGHT VOICE

The wrong voice will build the wrong life.

Jeremiah 29:8-9

8 Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets
and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage
them to have. 9 They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,”
declares the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish
and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of
money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered
from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

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01 What are you pursuing? Who are the voices in your life right now that most influence you in your thoughts and actions?

02 The voices around you often become the voices inside of you. What practical next steps can you take so that the voice of God permeates your life more strongly and in a more central way to any other voices and influences in your life?

03 In what specific area of your life might God be telling you that you need more of His voice?





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WEEK 5 SERIES STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 5

LIVE FOR SHARED GOOD

Generosity creates shared strength.

Jeremiah 29:7

7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

7 If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. 8 Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need. 9 Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show ill will toward the needy among your fellow Israelites and give them nothing. They may then appeal to the Lord against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. 10 Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. 11 There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

1 John 3:16-18

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

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01 Where in your life have you been more closed-handed rather than open-handed with what you have?

02 If the purpose of our provision is to be generous and to bring glory to God as we give, then if you were God, would you give you more money?

03 What fears exist in your life currently that are preventing you from more consistent open-handedness with everything God has given you?



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WEEK 6 SERIES STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 6

STAY AND BUILD

Long obedience unlocks lasting promise.

Jeremiah 29:10-14

10 This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will
come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know
the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm
you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and
pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me
with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you
back from captivity.[a] I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have
banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I
carried you into exile.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

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01 The commitments we make shape who we are and who we will become. What commitments in your life have shaped you?

02 How does your *Here for Good* commitment represent the legacy you want to leave with your life for the Kingdom of God? Or how could it more so represent that?

03 How can your group be praying for you as you seek to fulfill your *Here for Good* generosity commitment over these next two years?


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This fall, Gracekids is partnering with The Salvation Army's Stocking Program to fill boxes with gifts for kids in our community.

As we step into ***Here for Good***, we want everyone at Grace—including our kids—to experience the joy of generosity, with a goal of 100% participation. Kids can pick up a box in their Gracekids room, fill it with gifts, and bring it back **November 7 & 8**. Extra boxes will also be available at Family Guest Services for families who want to grab one on the go.



Gracekids
& *Here for Good*

Week 1:	**The Earth Belongs to the Lord (Psalm 24:1).** Bottom Line – Everything belongs to God.
Week 2:	**Teach us to number our days (Psalm 90:12).** Bottom Line - Use your time wisely.
Week 3:	**Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30).** Bottom Line – Use your things wisely.
Week 4:	**God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6–7).** Bottom Line - Use your money wisely.
Week 5:	**Lydia & The Church (Acts 16:11–15).** Bottom Line – Live like you know what really matters.
Week 6:	**Treasures in Heaven (Matthew 6:19–24).** Bottom Line – God made you to love others.

See What We're Collecting
Scan the QR code for the full Salvation Army collection list.


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Gracestudents
& Here for Good

Week 1:	**We are *Here for Good*, with our whole heart (Acts 5:1–11).** How does knowing God's heart influence you to do good to others?
Week 2:	**We are *Here for Good*, to impact many people (Acts 9:36-43).** Why do you think it's important to pass on the good news with our actions and not just our words?
Week 3:	**We are *Here for Good*, by surrendering to God (Acts 10:9-11, 18).** Who is an "unexpected" person God might be asking you to include this week? What are you going to do about it?
Week 4:	**We are *Here for Good*, by taking a step of humility (Acts 16:16–34).** What are some ways a lack of humility could prevent someone from passing on the good news of Jesus effectively?
Week 5:	**We are *Here for Good*, with the little we have. (2 Corinthians 8:1–7).** What is a simple step God might be asking you to take when it comes to being generous?
Week 6:	**We are *Here for Good*, to celebrate what God is doing. (2 Corinthians 8:1–7).** What ares of your life have you seen God show up and do good to you, your family, and friends? *Family Ministry Celebration Weekend: A big weekend outside in nature, celebrating what God has done and will do while we are "Here for Good."*

KEY DATES

Here for Good Sermon Series
Oct 10/11 - Nov 14/15

Advance Commitment Night at Steinmetz Hall
Oct 29

Kids' & Students' Commitment Weekend
Nov 7/8

Commitment Weekend
Nov 14/15

Celebration Weekend + First Big Give
Dec 5/6


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