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Week 4 – Grace in Action

Review:

Living the Grace-Life Means...

- 1) Leveraging your _____ on behalf of the _____
(vs. 1-6)
 - Correct translation of verse 5: “...you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased...”

- 2) Valuing _____ over personal _____ (vs. 7-10)
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- 3) Offering _____ to the _____ (vs. 11-13)
 - Ephesians 2:11-13

- 4) Trusting _____ will become _____ (vs. 13-22)

The Big Idea:

Why do you exist? In order to live the Grace-Life – which is Jesus living His supernatural life through you!

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Have you experienced a season or moment in your life when you felt like an “outsider” – and were accepted in? If so, how did that experience impact you emotionally before and after being accepted?

Ponderings:

2. As a group, briefly review the four major points from the weekend message. Choose one characteristic that is the MOST noticeable on a regular basis in your life. Choose one that is the LEAST noticeable. Why do you say this?
3. Describe a relationship in your life where you hold the advantage over someone because of your age, role, job, education, status, socio-economic class, etc. In what way(s) can you leverage your “power” in this situation to lift the other person(s) up?
4. As a New Testament parallel to the Book of Ruth, read Ephesians 2:11-22. How does the story of Ruth typify or foreshadow the message of the Gospel as described in this passage?
5. Why is living a holy lifestyle little more than a frustrating impossibility when employing the “try to live like Jesus” approach? In what way(s) is allowing Jesus to live *through* you ultimately a more favorable (and Biblical) approach to sanctification? Discuss...
6. What would the passage you just read in Ephesians 2:11-22 look like if Jesus were living it through you in this day and age?

Promptings:

7. Is there a relational struggle or battle taking place in your life right now that could change if grace were applied? What would it cost for you to become the grace-agent in that situation?