

Sunday, April 11, 2021 - "We Are - Week 1: We Are a Mosaic" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Ephesians 2:8-10, Ephesians 2:11-16, 19-22, James 2:1, 8-9, Luke 14:13b-14, Philippians 2:4

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- For we are God's
 - We belong to Him (individually and corporately)
 - Biblical precepts and promises apply of us individually and also as an organization
- Ephesians 2:10 - You are God's workmanship
 - Poema + God's poem/art
 - You are created to do something specific (there is a general call - make disciples, serve His kingdom, love one another - and a more specific call for each of us to play a part in those things)
- We are a mosaic striving to live like Jesus
 - We are a mosaic = broken pieces → put together to make a beautiful work of art
 - Does diversity really matter? YES
 - Why is the mosaic so important? BECAUSE IT'S BIBLICAL
- God's mission is to make us one...He sent his Son so all nations can ONE
- Ephesians 2:11-16, 19-22
 - There were 2 groups bitterly divided (this was the audience of this passage)
 - We live in a deep divided time
 - He himself is our peace
 - Jesus unites us
 - He breaks down the barriers
 - You ARE one
 - Not "Are we one?"
 - We are called to live into the oneness that Jesus made possible
- "Our witness to the world is our uncommon, supernatural, radical unity" - Doug Kempton
- As long as we teach Jesus what difference does the mosaic make?
 - James 2:1, 8-9
 - The sin of partiality
 - Inviting some, excluding others (we are called to see EVERYONE the way that God sees them)
- Luke 14:13b-14
- Grace cannot do the good works God has prepared for us to do until we are a fully-engaged mosaic
- Sometimes the mosaic is hard
 - We like being comfortable
 - There is a wide array of personal preferences
 - We are called to be others-focused
 - Philippians 2:4 - Put down what we want to refer others
- Striving to live like Jesus
 - To cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit
 - Not to earn salvation and God's love
 - You have to participate with God
 - Becoming more and more like Jesus

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Why is the mosaic at Grace important to you? What have you learned about God through being a part of a diverse community?
2. How has God used uncommon, supernatural, radical unity to be a witness through you or to you?
3. How are you doing in being fully engaged in our mosaic at Grace? How is God calling you to engage more fully?
4. How is God calling you to grow in preferring others? What personal preferences is he calling you to put aside?
5. How can you participate in the mosaic outside of Sunday mornings?
6. How are you doing at cooperating with the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? How is God calling you to grow?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Exodus 6 Tues: Exodus 7 Wed: Exodus 8 Thurs: Exodus 9 Fri: Exodus 10

Songs from the weekend: [Joy - *Vashaun Mitchell*] - [Great Are Your Lord - *All Sons and Daughters*] - [Praises - *Maverick City*] - [Agnus Dei - *Michael W. Smith*]