



Digging Deeper Study Guide

For Small Groups or Personal Bible Study

WEEK ONE: GRACE

November 10 & 11, 2007

Small Group Icebreaker

1. What's something about EastLake Church that you appreciate, or think would appeal to your unchurched friends or family members?

Opening Prayer

Discussion Questions

2. Pastor Mike talked about the fact we tend to hide our failures, weaknesses, sin.... What are some ways people hide? Why do we feel the need to hide?
3. What can we do as Christ-followers and as a church to help people feel safe and "come out of hiding"?
4. "But by the grace of God go I" is a popular saying in our culture... How does this attitude play into developing a safe atmosphere at church for everyone? (For insight read Jesus words from Matthew 7.)

¹"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ²For in the same

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"EastLake Church exists to help people find and follow Jesus Christ."

way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Matthew 7: 1-2

5. It's easy to give credit other than where it's due for the grace we receive. What do we learn from Ephesians 2: 8, 9?

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2: 8, 9

6. There are many responses we can have to God's grace at work in our lives. Check out the following and find what grace can do in our hearts:

¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹²It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Titus 2: 11-14

Action Item

7. Pastor Mike talked about the change God wants to make in each of our lives... His invitation is "come as you are" but He wants to GROW us. What do you need to do or change to cooperate with the work of His grace in your life today?

Closing Prayer