



For the Sake of Others (Week 3)

Philippians 2:1-8; & 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, 13:1-8a

OPEN

"A Christian lives for the sake of others."

How do you respond to this idea?

How many people do you see living life in such a way? How well do you live for the sake of others?

DISCUSS

Read the Bible passages for this study listed above.

- What are the "big ideas" being presented in each passage?
- When Scripture was written, they did not have chapters and verses...it read like a continuous letter. Knowing this, how does 1 Corinthians 13 connect to chapter 12? Does this shed any insight in the meaning of loving others?
- How would you summarize these passages to explain their meaning and application to a 5th grader?
- How well does your life reflect this summary in your current season of life (it is okay to be honest)? How are you challenged? What would you desire to be different?

Gracism Reflections

We have covered a lot of ground the last three weeks as we challenged ourselves with grace-based (gracist) understandings, attitudes, and behaviors to be lived out. As we come to the close of this series, the hard work actually begins as we seek to apply what we have learned and continue to learn and grow in grace toward others.

As you reflect on the sermons and studies, how do you respond to the following questions?

- What were the key insights I learned these last three weeks?
- What have I done to apply the teaching or insights from the study guides? Describe your experience.
- How were you challenged in what you heard, read, or discussed with others?
- Has anything changed with you these last three weeks?
- What questions do you have after studying *gracism* the last three weeks?
- Is there anything you will do different or a practice you will adopt as a result of this series?

NEXT STEPS

- Continue to reflect on the Bible passages and questions above.
- Read *Gracism* by David Anderson
- Continue to grow in your understanding and gracist behaviors.