STUDY GUIDE

Grace upon Grace

Senior Pastor · This Sunday

Devotions for the Week

Verse of the Week

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:16)

Check off each day as you go

☐	**Monday**	Write down three graces you received today in a note on your phone.
☐	**Tuesday**	Replace the first thing you do this morning with five minutes of prayer.
☐	**Wednesday**	Send a thank-you message to someone you have been taking for granted.
☐	**Thursday**	Tell one trustworthy person about a weakness you have been hiding.
☐	**Friday**	Do one concrete thing for that person today — a call, a meal, a hand.
☐	**Saturday**	Go to bed ten minutes earlier tonight, and write down one thanksgiving to bring with you.

Monday — Counting what was given

Today's Passage John 1:14-16

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Grace is not something we climbed up to earn; it is what He came down to pour out. Today, instead of counting what you have achieved, count what you have received.

Ask Yourself What happened this past week that you cannot honestly credit to your own effort?

Do This Today Write down three graces you received today in a note on your phone.

Prayer Keep me from forgetting that what I hold was given, not earned.

Tuesday — From His fullness

Today's Passage John 1:16

"From his fullness we have all received." The source of grace is not your diligence but Christ's fullness. The well has not run dry; you simply have not lowered the bucket.

Ask Yourself Where have you been trying to draw your strength from lately?

Do This Today Replace the first thing you do this morning with five minutes of prayer.

Prayer Let me come first to You, the well that never runs dry.

Wednesday — A gift, not a status

Today's Passage Ephesians 2:8-9

Enjoy grace long enough and you begin to mistake it for something you deserve. The moment you do, gratitude leaves and comparison moves in. Today, remember again that your place is a gift.

Ask Yourself What have you been treating as ordinary that was in fact a gift?

Do This Today Send a thank-you message to someone you have been taking for granted.

Prayer Do not let familiarity swallow my gratitude.

Thursday — Where grace has passed through

Today's Passage 2 Corinthians 12:9

Grace shows up more clearly in weakness than in strength. The very place you want to hide may be the place grace has entered most deeply.

Ask Yourself Where do you feel weakest right now, and how has God been present there?

Do This Today Tell one trustworthy person about a weakness you have been hiding.

Prayer Help me trust the grace that is made perfect in weakness.

Friday — A channel, not a container

Today's Passage Matthew 10:8

"Freely you have received; freely give." Grace held still goes stale; grace that flows stays clear. You feel the size of what you received in proportion to what you pass on.

Ask Yourself Who near you needs grace right now?

Do This Today Do one concrete thing for that person today — a call, a meal, a hand.

Prayer Let the grace I received not stop with me.

Saturday — Getting ready for tomorrow

Today's Passage Lamentations 3:22-23

"They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Looking back, some days this week went badly. But grace rests on His faithfulness, not on your report card. Tomorrow's worship is where you are filled again.

Ask Yourself What is the one thing you are most grateful to God for this week?

Do This Today Go to bed ten minutes earlier tonight, and write down one thanksgiving to bring with you.

Prayer Let me stand before tomorrow's worship with mercies new this morning.

Check Your Understanding

1. **How does John 1:16, the sermon's text, describe grace?**
   - A. Grace upon grace
   - B. Truth instead of grace
   - C. Grace and judgment
   - D. The price of grace

2. **According to the sermon, what is the source of grace?**
   - A. Our fervent prayer
   - B. The fullness of Christ
   - C. Service in the church
   - D. Steady devotion

3. **What attitude did the sermon warn against?**
   - A. Deeper gratitude
   - B. Treating grace as something deserved
   - C. Humble silence
   - D. Generous sharing

4. **What does "Freely you have received; freely give" teach?**
   - A. Guard the grace you received
   - B. Let grace flow onward
   - C. Measure the grace you received
   - D. Wait for more grace

5. **What weekly application did the sermon give?**
   - A. Read a chapter daily
   - B. Attend dawn prayer
   - C. Share one grace concretely with one person
   - D. Restore your tithe

Answer Key

1. **A** — "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace" — grace is poured out without ceasing, layer upon layer.
2. **B** — Grace flows from Christ's fullness, not from our own diligence.
3. **B** — The moment grace is mistaken for merit, gratitude leaves and comparison moves in.
4. **B** — Grace held still goes stale; grace that flows stays clear and grows richer when shared.
5. **C** — Recall one grace you received freely, and share it concretely with one person.

Key Points

- Grace is God's free gift, never earned by our own merit.
- All grace flows from the fullness of Christ.
- Grace received grows richer when shared — grace upon grace.

Discussion Questions

1. **What grace did I freely receive this week?**

2. **To whom, and how, can I let that grace flow?**

3. **When have I mistaken grace for something I 'deserved'?**

4. **Do I have a daily habit of asking for fresh grace?**

Apply This Week

This week, recall one grace you received freely, and share it concretely with one person.

Prayer & Reflection

Thank You for grace poured out freely; make us channels through which that grace flows to others.

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