



Last Sunday we learned about Jesus being “full of grace and truth” and we ended in **John 1:16**: “From his fullness we have ____ received, grace upon grace.”

But what will we **do** with God’s grace? Will we take and take and take, but only for ourselves? Or will we thank God for his undeserved blessings and then share them with others?

Our Father in heaven wants us to be **gracious**. He wants us to be more than students and receivers of grace. He wants us to be living examples and sharers of grace to the people around us. For example...

Let your _____ always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (**Col 4:6**)

Or, let’s open our Bibles to **1 Peter 2** and notice first the example of Jesus (**2:21-24**). Jesus was “full of grace and truth” and we are called “to _____ in his steps.” What’s that look like? We can read about “a gracious thing in the sight of God” in **1 Peter 2:19-20**.

Do you remember how we began this series in **Matthew 5:45** where Jesus taught us that our Father in heaven “makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good”? Look just a couple verses before that and let’s read **Matthew 5:43-45** together.

Our Father in heaven wants his sons and daughters to be more than students and receivers of grace; he wants us to be **gracious**, like him! And when we are? What happens? According to **Matthew 5:14-16**...



For Class & Family Discussion:

- What are some examples of when our speech needs to be “gracious”?
- What about this idea of our speech being “seasoned with salt” (**Col 4:6**). What does that mean?
- Can you think of some other examples where we will have opportunities to be “gracious” to the people around us? **Ephesians 4:25-5:1** is full of practical examples...
- Why isn’t it okay to take and take and take God’s grace, but only for ourselves?
- **2 Corinthians 1:2-4** gives us another good example of what it looks like to thank God for his undeserved blessings and then share them with others. Where do we have these sorts of opportunities?
- According to what we read in **Matthew 5:16**, what are we really hoping for when we live “gracious” lives? Are we just trying to impress people, or is it much bigger than that?