



We Are the People of The Gospel | Doug Wekenman | 5.30.21

Weekly Study

## START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**What is your favorite part about the summer? What is one thing you are looking forward to this summer?**

## SHARE

Welcome to our week one of our brand-new series We Are \_\_\_\_\_. In this collection of talks, we are talking about who we are. We always want to figure out what we are supposed to do, but the truth is, if we know who we are, we will know what to do! But before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

**Rate your week on a scale of one to ten? Why did you pick that number?**

**What was the highlight of your week?**

**What is one thing you feel like God is showing you in your walk with him lately?**

## GROW

**Read Luke 18:9-14**

**Which character in this story do you resonate with more? Why do you think that is?**

**If someone asked you to describe the moral of this story in your own words, what would you say?**

This week, Doug reminded us that we are people of the Gospel. In order to tell other people about the Gospel, we first have to understand it ourselves. In the passage you just read, the Pharisee misses the point. He thinks he is justified because of his good behaviors, but instead, it's the tax collector who is humble enough to admit he needs a Savior who finds what he is looking for.

Jesus is telling this story to help illustrate the beauty of the Gospel. Grace isn't something we earn or deserve; it is a free gift that God gives us!

The same is true for us. Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross so that we can go free. The more we realize and acknowledge that, the more we will start to step into freedom and live the life God is calling us to live!

**Do you believe that God loves you? Do you ever find it hard to believe that Jesus actually died for you? Why or why not?**

Move

**Read Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Which verse stuck out to you in this passage? Why?**

The passage you just read is one of the clearest pictures of the Gospel. According to Paul, there is no amount of works that you need to do to be saved or considered a good Christian. The

good news is better than that. We are saved by grace through faith, so you can trust and rest knowing that God loves you because he loves you, and there is nothing you can do to change his mind.

**Have you ever tried to get on “God’s good side” by doing works?**

While works don’t lead to grace, it does not mean that they are not in vain. If we are here to glorify God, it’s important that we use our gifts! God doesn’t grade on a curve. We don’t have to worry if our work is enough, but we are freed up to step into our calling and get to work. When we understand this beautiful balance between grace and truth, we will be able to work hard without worrying about whether or not it’s enough.

**How can you start living in a balance where you can be grateful and appreciate God’s grace and work without expecting an award?**

**Do you tend to error more on the side of grace or truth? Why do you think that is?**

**What is one practical step you can take to be a person of the Gospel this week?**

**P R A Y**

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

**T O G O**

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.*

- Ephesians 2:8

