

THRIVE

Habits of Grace

desert breeze
community church



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“Community: A Habit of Grace”

A person who has been saved by the grace (unmerited favor and divine enablement) of God is going to grow in degrees of godliness (Phil. 1:6; 1 Tim. 4:7) and put their relationship with God in a position to THRIVE. This is done through the nourishment of disciplining oneself by the power of the Holy Spirit rightly motivated to do the spiritual disciplines.

Our text today tells us we not only have access to God, but also that one of the key ways we can enjoy all the riches of being with him is a spiritual discipline that may be surprising. God begins to renovate the whole life by degrees until perfected in glory (Phil. 1:6) as we do the spiritual discipline of fellowship. We THRIVE in community.

A. The Seed [V. 19-21] Scripture lays out the foundation...

Key word? “Since”

In these verses the author summarizes all the previous chapters reminding us who true gospel community is based on.

- The gospel of grace gives us total access that is always available (vs. 19-20).
- The gospel of grace gives us a great priest who is always working (V. 21).

B. The Soil [Vs. 22-24] Scripture tells us what to do...

Key words? “Let us”

1. Draw our hearts near in faith. Do not stay on the sideline watching (V. 22).
2. Hold fast our confession of hope. Do not fail to take responsibility (V. 23).
3. Intentionally think and plan how to strengthen each other to love and good works (V. 24).

C. The Growth [Vs. 25] (Eph. 4:25-32) Scripture tells us how...

Key word? “Meet”

- This is a ministry of simplicity and a ministry of necessity.
- It is not possible to earn God’s grace or make it flow apart from his free gift. But we can put ourselves in a position to go on getting as he keeps on giving.

Growing Notes:

Pray, have someone read **Hebrews 10:19-21**, then as a group do the three step reproducible Bible study below.

A. Observation:

- Ask for a volunteer to retell the passage in his/her own words. Stick to the text, not to one’s interpretation of the text.
- Ask the rest of the group to fill in any details that were overlooked.

B. Interpretation:

- Ask, “What do we learn about God from this section?”
- Ask, “What do we learn about humanity/ourselves from the section?”

C. Application:

- Ask, “How would your life change if you put what you learn in this passage into practice?”

Repeat the same above study with **Hebrews 10: 22-25**.
Pray for this community.

** There is one more question that may be needed at times – “**Where is that in this passage or its context?**” Asking this question will help the group to depend on the word of God as their source of spiritual authority.