



Jesus' grace expands into the lives of unbelievers when you reach out inviting them to know Jesus.

Expanding Grace...

Emphasizes Relationship Not Religion (19-26)

With the arrival of Jesus, "the hour is coming" when worship will no longer require a geographical locale as Jesus is the new epicenter of worship (21; Jn. 2:19-22).

"I tell you, something greater than the temple is here."-Jesus in Matthew 12:6

Religion causes people to "worship what they do not know" because *who* you worship is more important than *where* you worship (21-22).

Jesus is offering himself as the "salvation" that will make her "never...thirsty again" as it will become "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (22; Jn. 4:13-14).

God is "spirit" (a spiritual being) not a material being and as such cannot be contained within a certain geographic location or be placed into image form (24; Isa. 31:3; Ezek. 11:19-20; 36:26-27).

"Worship in spirit" begins with a personal encounter with Jesus through his Holy Spirit who bears witness to our spirit (23; Rms. 8:16; Jn. 3:6).

True "worship" emphasizes "truth" over tradition and "spirit" over religious profession (24; Jn. 7:37-39; 14:17; 15:26; 16:13).

Expanding Grace...

1) Reveals Religion's Emptiness

When externals like *where* you worship or *how* you worship matter more than *who* you worship, then you have religion instead of a relationship.

Religion prevents you from receiving Jesus' life-satisfying water because it is a system of burdensome "human commandments and teachings" (Col. 2:22-23).

"This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."-John 17:3

2) Overflows from Spirit and Truth

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me."
-Jesus in John 15:26

Sharing grace is the satisfying overflow within your inner spirit by Jesus' Spirit to see others come into the knowledge of the truth (Eph. 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:4).

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Reaches Out to Unbelievers (27-38)

Like Jesus, expanding grace breaks societal norms, religious standards and moral rules to reach others with the Gospel message (27).

Jesus' grace in offering life-satisfying water of salvation now moves the Samaritan woman to leave her water jar to go after a community in need of the life-satisfying water of salvation (28).

The confession, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did..." shows the healing forgiveness Jesus gives as he is "faithful and just to forgive" and "to cleanse from all unrighteousness" (29; 1 Jn. 1:19).

Jesus exposes her thirst by telling her "all that [she] ever did" as her past life is riddled with the false pursuits and lost hope of finding meaning and fulfillment (29).

Never underestimate your witness because God can use your witness to others "coming to" know Jesus (30).

Jesus' "food" is to accomplish God's "will" by giving eternal life to all who will believe (34; Jn. 12:49-50).

Jesus tells the disciples to "look, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest" as they went into Sychar and missed that the town was a white harvest field filled with thirsty souls needing eternal life (35).

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."-Jesus in John 14:12

"Many Samaritans from that town believed in him" meaning there was a significant wave of Samaritan believers from the testimony of the Samaritan woman (39).

Jesus' "word" exposes the thirst all people have to find life-satisfying fulfillment his eternal life gives (40-41; 6:60-71).

A personal encounter with Jesus begins with you hearing Jesus for yourself and coming to know him as "Savior" (42).

Jesus is "the Savior of the world" as he is a Savior for all people whatever their ethnicity, gender, lifestyle, and religious background (42).

"Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"
-John the Baptist Speaking of Jesus in John 1:29

Expanding Grace...

1) Sees the Harvest

"No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier."-2 Timothy 2:4

The will of God is for you to be consumed with the work of God of giving the life-giving water of Jesus to all who are thirsty for eternal life.

2) Works the Harvest

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."-Jesus in Matthew 9:36-38

The future of FBC rests in continuing the mission of everyone working to make disciples (Mtt. 28:18-20).

Whether you are sowing the harvest by spreading Jesus' word or reaping the harvest by seeing people believe, everyone has a role (1 Cor. 3:6-8).

Challenge— Am I taking Jesus' grace to unbelievers?

