The Other Side: What's the difference?

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Community:

1. What is usually your attitude on the way TO church? Does it have a tendency to change on the way home? If so, why?

2. What difference does my being "saved by grace" make in the way that I respond to and treat my neighbors around me?

Core:

1. Jim explained that GRACE is getting what we DON'T deserve from God (i.e., salvation, mercy, etc.). Knowing this, how should it influence our interaction with others?

2. Jim also said that MERCY is NOT getting what we deserve; due to our sin (i.e, punishment, disconnect with God, etc.). How should this truth effect our relationship and understanding of God?

3. How has someone shown you grace and or mercy recently? Explain.

4. **Read 1 John 4:20.** Where do you see the truth in this verse lived out in your life? What does it say about someone's heart if they can see what God has made and hate it?

5. **Read Luke 6:45.** How do you store "*good treasures in your heart*"? What do you think that means?

6. How is your relationship with God reflected in the way that you live your life with others?

Challenge:

Jim asked this question, "*What difference does my being 'saved by grace' make in the way that I respond to and treat my neighbors around me*?" Write down how you think you should treat your neighbors if Jesus' grace saves you. Then, try to take a few steps this week to treat your neighbors that way.