

Sermon Series: Living Out Your Mission

Week 4 – “Responding with Grateful Hearts to Our World”

Monday: Read the Sermon text again. After hearing the sermon this week and reading the Bible passage, is there a section, a verse, or even a word or two that are standing out? How is God speaking to you? Which point of the sermon was most impactful to you? Why? Spend some time in prayer asking God to work in your heart, to build your faith, to bring you to repentance, to continue to speak to you this week.

Tuesday: *Responding in service to our great God. Verses 1-2*

Discuss the concept of worship as revealed in the Old Testament and New Testament (hint: “bowing” and “serving”).

Paul is going to instruct us in view of God’s mercies. Mercies that he has written in the preceding 11 chapters. What is your view of God’s mercies?

In what ways does a consecrated or transformed life lead to Christian service?

Wednesday: *Responding in service to others. Verses 3-8*

Have you identified the spiritual gifts you have been given? Have you taken or would you consider taking the, discovering your divine design assessment, given by APC? If you are interested, please contact Pastor Josh.

A transformed life leads to service to others with grateful hearts – both in using our gifts and in stepping out in other areas of service.

What role does grace have in the using of our gifts? What is the benefit to the body when you use your gifts?

What role does grace have in serving in areas beyond our gifts? Evangelism may be one such example. Not everyone has the gift of ‘evangelism’, but we have all been commanded to obey the Great Commission whether we have been given the gift of evangelism or not.

Thursday: *Responding in love to others. Verses 9-21*

What does this point have to do with responding with grateful hearts to our God and world?

There are at least 12 actions demanded of us. While all of these commands are challenging, are there certain ones that the Lord is impressing upon you at this time to ask for his enabling grace? Would you ask a close friend to pray for you in this regard?

Is the attitude/heart as important as the act/action? Please discuss how character plays into responding with grateful hearts to our God and world.

Pray through these things from this week.

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Friday: Read the Sermon text for the upcoming Sunday’s sermon and look at the title of the Sermon (found on the APC website and Friday email). After reading the Bible passage, is there a section, a verse, or even a word or two that are standing out? How is God speaking to you? What do you think He wants to say to you about this passage? Spend some time in prayer asking God to prepare your heart for worship and pray that your heart will be transformed by the Holy Spirit through the hearing of the sermon.