

Facing Our Future

"A Place of Grace: Receiving and Demonstrating Grace" ***(various passages)***



INTRO:

OUR VISION: HOW TO BE AN ISLAND OF SANITY?

1. Facing Reality As It Is

2. Devoting Ourselves to GRACE -- grace we won't just talk about, but live out in our community life. We are committed to modeling love and compassion for the suffering of people around us. The greatest thing we can offer the world is grace: Grace that is both talked about -- in the Gospel of Christ -- and grace that is lived out in our community life. This means being a community devoted to grace with one another — committed to love, honesty, compassion, acceptance, and forgiveness — as well as being a community devoted to helping people come to know God through Jesus Christ.

BIBLE TEACHING ABOUT BEING A PLACE OF GRACE:

1. Grace is _____, and we _____

(Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8, Matthew 5:45)

2. People who receive grace _____ ... if they don't

_____ *(Matthew 18:23-35, Luke 7:36-50)*

3. We can demonstrate grace without _____

(John 8:1-11, Matthew 9:10-13, Matthew 11:19)

4. The consequences of not demonstrating grace _____

(John 13:34-35, Hebrews 12:15, Colossians 3:13)