

Growth Group Bible Study – June 7th

Start the Conversation

In his introduction, Pastor Wade shared some of the difficult things he dealt with this past week. **What difficulties or struggles have you been dealing with lately? How can we pray for one another?** (Consider calling in or texting your prayer requests to our Prayer Hotline: (479) 222-1832)

How well are you doing in abiding in the Word of God daily? How can we help you in this area?

Turn to the Bible

In his book, *New Morning Mercies*, Paul David Tripp wrote, "It's only in the mirror of God's Word that you see yourself accurately, and only in his grace that you find help for what you see." **What do you think about this statement?**

In last week's sermon, there was a focus on a person's character. Once again this week, the need for authentic, godly character was mentioned. **According to Philippians 1:9-11, how is righteous character produced in the life of a believer?**

Read Romans 5:1-5. **According to this passage, how is righteous character produced in the life of a believer?**

Pastor Wade has often referred to this process described in Romans 5:1-5 as "The Grace Cycle." **Why would he refer to this as "The Grace Cycle," and how can suffering be referred to as grace?**

Think about the life of Joseph from the Old Testament (Genesis 37-50). **What were some of the difficulties that Joseph had to deal with in his life?**

According to Psalm 105:17-19, how does the Bible characterize all the bad things that happened in Joseph's life? How did Joseph describe it toward the end of his life? (Genesis 50:14-15, 19-21)

What impact do the people around you have on the development of your character?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:33-34. **Does this passage cause you to think differently about others' impact on you and the development of your character? If so, in what way?**

Make a Plan

Pastor Wade introduced us to a "new" word this week—habitude—and he encouraged us to have an attitude and a habitude of love. **What does that mean?**

Read 1 John 3:18. **Is it second nature to you to demonstrate love to others through your actions?**

What things in your life do you need to change in order to exhibit a habitude of love every day?