

Care Group Homework
(For the week of March 29, 2009)
Philippians 4:23 - It's All About Grace

Scripture verse to commit to memory
"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."
Philippians 4:13

1. Today is April Fool's Day. What is your funniest April Fool's Day memory?
2. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word "grace?"
3. What passages would you turn to in scripture to define grace?
Romans 3:19ff is a good choice.
4. Read Luke 15:1-32. What do these three parables tell us about grace?
That it is undeserved.
5. What other parables do you think speak especially to the topic of God's grace?
6. How would you define grace? How would you explain it to an eight year old? How about a high school student?
7. How are we supposed to balance grace with good works? What is the point of good works?
James offers a good discussion on this. Good works are a response to God's favor not a means to obtain God's favor.
8. How does a Biblical understanding of grace impact your life?
9. Is there a danger in placing too much emphasis upon grace? If so, how can we guard against that danger?
The danger is that some will see the emphasis upon grace and moving away from law as a license to sin. But that only develops with a shallow understanding of grace.
10. Why do you think that we tend to move away from grace and embrace a type of works for our divine approval?
11. What are you going to do for a care group social?