

Sermon Title:Living Inside One Day's Grace

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Passage: Psalm 118:22-24:

Groups Guide: 7/20/25

Belong:

Ice Breaker: What helps you feel connected to God? Is it harder to stay connected to Him in hard seasons or good seasons? Why do you think that is true?

*Leader's Note: Psa 118 is part of the ancient **Hallel Psalms**, songs of joy & gratitude that God's people would sing, after a season of trial & deliverance.*

Believe:

Read Psalm 118:22-23

1. If you had to explain a cornerstone to someone, what would you say it is? What does it do? Why is it important? What are a few other words you could use to describe it?
2. Why would a stone be initially rejected?
3. According to the author of Psalm 118 how is it possible for a stone that was rejected to be suddenly found useful? How does he feel about it?
4. Read Ephesians 2:19-22: What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?
5. *Leader's Note: In the message we are pointed to this **personal application**: (This is a great question to ask your group to dive deeper.)*

What are some things that have happened to you, or are happening now, that seem worthless, mundane, or maddening, that God has used and made essential?

Become:

Read: Psalm 118:24, Matthew 6:11, Matthew 6:34

1. What does Scripture teach us about living inside the grace of one day? How can we practically stay in the mindset that *"Today is a gift."*? We live in a busy world. Do you even think this is possible? Why or why not?

2. Read: 1 Peter 4:12-13: What does this tell us about what we will eventually encounter as we live out our lives every day?

Leader's Note: (Feel free to read or share the idea behind this with your group):

"To rejoice doesn't mean to feel happy about everything that is happening in your life. It means "Anchor your heart in God's presence, even when it's confusing or hurts. Trust that He's still good. Still at work. Still writing your story."

Ask: Think about the last testimony of God's grace someone shared with you that impacted you in a significant way? What do you remember about their story? Why did it inspire you? What was significant about them that made them stand out to you?

Challenge:

In the message, we are given 3 practical ways to live inside of one day's grace:

- a. Feel it - engage with your feelings
 - b. Grow in it - allow God to spiritually form you through this experience
 - c. Serve it - share it with other
1. Which one of these 3 practices is easiest for you to apply? Which one is more challenging?
 2. Pick one of these practices to focus on for the upcoming week. Share it with your group and be willing to pray and encourage each other throughout this process.

A Prayer for Living Inside of One Day's Grace:

*Lord, I welcome you & this day.
I welcome its joys & its struggle,
I trust you are using it all,
to fill me,
to form me,
and to flow through me.
I let go of my need to control this day
and open my heart to Your Presence that's in it.
Teach me to live with you, inside one day's grace and not miss any of the gifts.
Amen.*