

Sermon Notes

1. We've been given **GRACE**. We need to give **GRACE** to others.
2. We've been **SACRIFICED** for. We need to **SACRIFICE** for others.
3. We've been **FORGIVEN**. We need to **FORGIVE** others.
4. We've been **LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY**, despite how we act or what we believe or what "team" we're on; we need to **LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY**, despite how others act, what they believe or what team they're on.

When we live with GOD'S PERSPECTIVE,

1. We see **PEOPLE** as he sees them.
2. We see beyond the **UNIFORMS** that quickly divide us into **US** and **THEM**.
3. We're less concerned about our own **COMFORT** than we are about someone else's.
4. We live with **HUMILITY** and **GRACE**.
5. We no longer have to live out of **FEAR**.

When we share we bring glory to God. And yet here's the deal: the bi-product is **A BLESSING**.

Acts 20:35: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Small Group Questions

1. Do you find yourself glad to be identified as a Christian or not? Why or why not?
2. If failing to see others through God's eyes is a major reason we don't share as much with others as we might, what factors contribute to that lack of perspective?
3. What makes it hard to "love people where they're at and help them follow Jesus?"
4. Think of a time when you shared something with a non-believer — time, effort, money, the gospel, whatever. Was it a positive experience or not? What did you learn?
5. Consider the quote, from a counselor, about the biggest blind spot for Christians: "The failure to understand, receive and live out God's unconditional grace and forgiveness; and the failure to give out that unconditional love, forgiveness and grace to other people." Why is that so difficult for some people?
6. Cite one example of Christians sharing with others recently that inspired you.?