

Ephesians 2:1–9 | Grace

Study Questions from 19.11.2023 sermon

Read

- i. Grace is God's generosity to the unworthy. Read Ephesians 2:4-10, substituting the word 'generosity' for 'grace'.

Common misconception

- ii. One of the most common misconceptions about Christianity is that we earn God's favour by what we do. Why do you think this misconception has arisen and why is it the most common?

Parable: The God who is generous

- iii. Read Matthew 20:1-16. What is your instinctive reaction to this parable?
- iv. Can you identify with the unhappiness of the first group of workers?
- v. How would you have felt if you were one of the 11th hour (5pm) workers... (a) during the day, (b) at the end of the day?
- vi. What do we learn about the character of the landowner in this passage?

The effect of grace

- vii. Grace is not only a nice thing we receive from God; it is something which should profoundly affect how we view God, treat others and do church. Discuss the ways in which grace should affect us:
 - In personal relationships
 - In our workplaces
 - In safeguarding at church

Pray

Finish with a time of prayer: pray for one another and current needs, listen to the Holy Spirit and pray over what you've learned.