CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements Week of 7/10/22

DISCUSSION: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group) *Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally*

This week we started a new sermon series in the book of 2 Timothy called, "Follow the Pattern of Grace." We're focusing on Paul's teaching about grace in the Christian life and how that changes us and our world. The sermon helped us see: 1) how we believe not just for ourselves, but for those around us, that they might have the grace of God too; 2) That God's grace is not our pursuit of him, but his pursuit of us; 3) That God's pursuit of us is not based on anything we do (and that never changes); and 4) That Jesus is the ultimate expression of God's grace, who not only opens up life to us, but also holds unto us as we hold onto him. Let's talk about how this grace can change the way we live.

- A. What stood out to you from the passage or the sermon?
- B. If you lived every moment of your day like this pattern of grace we heard about is true for you, what would have been different about your day today?
 - 1. What things would you have done differently (or not done)? What would you have said (or not said)?
 - 2. What part of the pattern [1) God's pursuit of us, 2) how he pursues just because he chooses to, 3) how that's a permanent attitude of his, 4) how Jesus takes away our sin so we can have the full acceptance of God, 5) and how Jesus and the Holy Spirit hold onto you and lift you up in grace] do you feel most helped by knowing?

C. The sermon challenged us to consider (in light of 'the community of the pattern') what we would want our 'legacy of grace' to be.

- 1. Who's someone that's had a 'legacy of grace' in your life by sharing God's grace with you (either the message or the actions of grace)?
- 2. Who in your life would you want to have a legacy of grace with perhaps someone who doesn't already know God right now?
- 3. How would thinking about what you'd want that person to have in their life through God's grace (or what you'd love to have be different in your relationship with them) change the way you think about sharing the gospel with them? In other words, how might a positive focus ('I want this kind of life for them/us') help free you up to share the hope you have with them more easily than a duty focus ('I know I'm supposed to do this') does?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Save the Date: On Sunday, July 24th, Pastor Travis will be officially installed as the senior pastor at Christ the King during the worship service. We'll have a guest preacher and members of the presbytery present at the service, with a light lunch to follow. Please be sure to join us!