

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH: WHY ARE WE HERE? Ephesians 1-3

We do not want a church that will move with the world. We want a church that will move the world.

-G.K. Chesterton

1. Defining Transforming Grace

2. Receiving Transforming Grace

3. Demonstrating Transforming Grace

4. Declaring Transforming Grace

Getting to Know You

1. Share your favorite thing that you did over the summer.

Into the Bible

2. Read Colossians 1:21-23. What does Paul say in that passage are the results of God's transforming grace that have been "proclaimed to every creature under heaven?"

3. To receive God's grace is to receive Christ himself. Read John 1:9-13. What does this passage say about receiving Christ?

Application

4. Another way that we sometimes describe demonstrating God's grace is living in wisdom. Read what James 3:17-18 says about the wisdom that comes from above. How does your life measure up to this standard? If you want to see the contrast, look at James 3:14-16.

5. Paul speaks of his commission to preach the Gospel in Acts 26:15-18. Talk about what you can learn from this passage that will help you to declare God's transforming grace more effectively.

For Families

6. This week, talk with your children about what each part of Chapel City Church's Mission Statement means. By the end of the week, give them a chance to explain it to you so that you are sure they understand it.