

Exercise –

As a group, re-read Matthew 10:27-39 & Ephesians 2:4-9

Observations-

- A) What stands out to you from these passages in how they relate to one another?
- B) How stern is Jesus' message in Matthew 10? And why do you think He mentions the family as a place of discord?
- C) Can you recall any other Biblical stories that show a father proving his love for God by not sparing his son?
- D) How does the Grace discussed by Paul in Ephesians give us hope?

Discussion Questions –

- 1) Where do you land on the spectrum of "Fear vs. Grace"? Do you find that you're lacking in either one of those?
- 2) Has there been a time in your life where you were fearful of man, but experienced victory by fearing God instead of man?
- 3) How can we apply the appropriate "Fear" of God to Pastor Trent's challenge of Coming Out Christian?
- 4) Given the offensive nature of the Gospel, how can you go about sharing it in love, while remaining truthful to God's Word?
- 5) When it comes to Grace and freely giving it, what makes it difficult sometimes? On the other hand, what compels you to give it freely?
- 6) Grace has a unique ability to build and grow community. Who are some people in your life that could use some grace? How will you give it?
- 7) In the conversation about Grace, why is it so important that we come out and come clean with one another?
- 8) How would you go about answering the three questions that were presented:
 - a. Who are you?
 - b. What's true?
 - c. What do you stand for?
- 9) This week, what can you do to begin applying your declaration of "what you stand for"?