

GRACE CITY CHURCH



## WEEK 1: THOSE PEOPLE: ZEALOTS, PUBLICANS & JESUS

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### LUKE 5:27-32 NIV

27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. **"Follow me,"** Jesus said to him, 28 and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. 30 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

31 Jesus answered them, **"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."**

### EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NIV

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

# NOTES

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

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## ALL IN, TOGETHER

### GENERAL BUDGET

2024 Weekly Budget:	\$10,967
Given March 31st:	\$10,611
Difference:	(\$355)

2024 Annual Budget:	\$570,284
2024 Budget YTD:	\$143,571
2024 Given YTD:	\$171,498
Difference:	\$28,927

### BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC March 31st:	\$1,365
BYC Total Given:	\$618,749

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# GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

How does your attitude towards other people affect the way you see grace? Do you feel everyone has a need for grace?

Who are “those people”? Do you see them as enemies because they’re different from you?

Who’s the hardest person to see seated at the table with you?

Levi (aka Matthew) was one of “those people” where the idea of “an eye for an eye” was definitely justified. How do you think the other disciples felt about him being a part of their group?

## A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:43-44 NIV

## TAKE A STEP:

Loving your neighbor as yourself can be one of the more difficult commandments Jesus has given us, especially if you don’t exactly see eye to eye. What ways can you find to love your neighbor this week?

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