

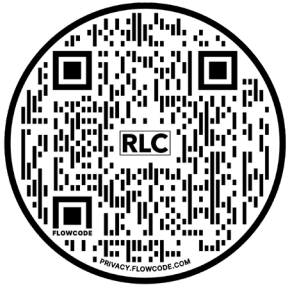


# REAL LIFE CHURCH

*Helping people know and become like Jesus.*

## NEW HERE?

Join us TODAY right after second service for a free VISITOR'S LUNCH. Come meet the team and hear more about our church in a fun casual setting over lunch. Childcare will be available.

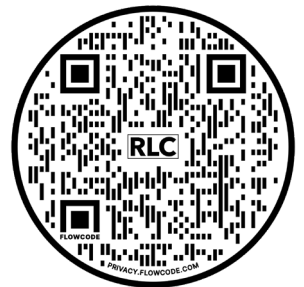


## 101 MAKE UP

101 Part 2 makeup class on zoom. If you've missed the 2nd half of the 101 class and want to come - great news! We're offering it on Zoom tonight 7 to 8:30pm. Scan the QR Code to register and receive the zoom link.

## EASTER OUTREACH

Easter Outreach event. We're planning a fun outreach to families in our community for the Thursday night before Easter 4/14. We'll be decorating eggs, doing some fun crafts, baking cookies and more! We need your help to make this event amazing! Scan the QR code or text: easteregg to 509-339-6365 and sign up for things like: Supply boiled eggs, help promote, help the night of, baking team, craft team, clean up team and more.



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# DISCOVER YOUR

## Grace, repentance and our part in God's plan.

How do you respond to \_\_\_\_\_?

Who Jesus extended \_\_\_\_\_ to was a topic of constant debate.

### **Matthew 20:1-16 New Living Translation**

"For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work.

"At nine o'clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day. So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three o'clock he did the same thing.

"At five o'clock that afternoon he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, 'Why haven't you been working today?'

"They replied, 'Because no one hired us.'

"The landowner told them, 'Then go out and join the others in my vineyard.' That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers first. When those hired at five o'clock were paid, each received a full day's wage. When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day's wage. When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, 'Those people worked only one hour, and yet you've paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.' "He answered one of them, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair! Didn't you agree to work all day for the usual wage? Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?'

"So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last."

### **Luke 7:36-47 New Living Translation**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"

Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you."

"Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied.

Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and pieces to the other. But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt."

"That's right," Jesus said. Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. "I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love."

# OUR MISSION

People often struggle with the fairness of \_\_\_\_\_ God extends grace to.

People also struggle with \_\_\_\_\_ grace some people get compared to others.

Does it bother you that someone who's lived a very sinful life is extended more grace or been forgiven of much more than some other good person?

If you missed the message last week be sure to watch or listen to it at: [www.rlcpullman.com/sermons](http://www.rlcpullman.com/sermons)  
The message was given 2/20/22

## **Luke 15:20a New Living Translation**

"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming..."

## **Luke 15:20b New Living Translation**

"Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him."

Kezazah: This is a ceremony where the community members gather around the person charged with this loss. They hold up a clay pot full of grain or a bag full of fruit and break the pot or rip the bag to let the grain or fruit spill out. This was a way of symbolizing that your fruitfulness among us is finished.

## **Luke 15:21 New Living Translation**

His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'

## **Luke 15:22-24 New Living Translation**

"But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began."

If the main point of these stories is to highlight the love of a God who will work tirelessly, even shamelessly, in order to bring back lost sons or daughters then with it is this point: Will you join me? Will you show them grace?

## **2 Corinthians 5:16-21 New Living Translation**

So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

God chooses to work through us.

- To be His ambassadors.
- To be on the lookout for lost sons and daughters.
- To pour out grace and tell them, "God loves you and wants you to come home"

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## Home Group Notes

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Pray: It is always good by having someone begin group with prayer and invite the Spirit to join in on your group. (It may help to ask someone else ahead of time, some people like to prepare.)

Intro: As a group review the parable in Matthew 20 about the landowner (it's in the notes). How does it make you feel? What do you think it means? Does that bother you?

Questions: Read these out and discuss as a group, if you have more thinkers than talkers, maybe give them a moment to write out their thoughts on some of them. As always these are a tool to help build relationships with each other and grow closer to God, use them until they aren't useful.

- In the parable, what work does the land owner ask them to do? What are some parallels between that and the work Jesus calls us to do?
- Which group of workers do you identify with? The ones who came early or late to work? Why?
- If ultimately our reward in Heaven is the same, why do you think we should bother working hard to follow Jesus and be His disciple? What is, or should be our motivation?
- What would you say is the goal of discipleship with Jesus? What are we supposed to be striving for?

Pray Again: You can never pray too much, but this is a good time to ask if there are anything the group can be praying for. Leaders, be sure to take some notes and pray for your groups throughout