



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church BBQ & Baptism** - Join us next Sunday, September 19th, from 12:30-3pm for our *on campus*, BBQ & Baptism. Join us in the courtyard for fun and festivities. Feel free to bring lawn chairs, pop-ups, bathing suits and towels for the kids. Click [here](#) if you wish to sign up for baptism or contact Rene Snyder at: rsnyder@southwinds.org.
- **Volunteers Needed** - As more and more of our members return, we need volunteers to man both Sunday Services. We need volunteers in the following areas: Volunteer Captains, Greeters, Ushers, Levites, Parking Attendants and ERT. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Debbie Knapp at: dknapp@southwinds.org.
- **Join a Life Group** - Today starts the beginning of our Fall Life Groups session. If you have not already joined a life group, there is still time. To review our current listing go to southwinds.org/lifegroups or click [here](#). Once you have decided, open the Join a Group tab, complete the information, and submit. For questions or more information contact Talanna Williams at: (209) 765-1122; twilliams@southwinds.org or Chris Martinez at (760) 685-5152; cmartinez@southwinds.org.

MY STORY

How do you avoid the noise in your life?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ: Acts 15:36-40; 2 Timothy 4:11

Point 1: Take the LONG VIEW ON TODAY'S ISSUES.

“We elevated those divides above anything and everything that used to bind us together. We let them become so central to our identities that some of us have allowed them to end relationships... relationships with friends, relationships with family, relationships with a church. Some of us haven't outwardly broken relationships, but we inwardly despise those who think differently than us.” – Michael Nolen

How did Paul and Barnabas' disagreement affect the ministry?

How did the gospel inform Paul to bring Mark back?

What divides have especially impacted you, maybe leading to some relational breakdowns?

HAVE ANOTHER VOLUNTEER READ: Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:32

Point 2: In everything PRACTICE GRACE.

“But if grace is truly going to be a part of your life, it's not going to just be receiving it, but giving it.” – Michael Nolen

Why is Paul encouraging the church to forgive?

Share a time when either God or someone has extended grace to you?

Why is it so hard to extend grace to others?

HAVE ANOTHER VOLUNTEER READ: Romans 12:18; Romans 15:7

Point 3: Agree to DISAGREE AGREEABLY.

“One of the things grace does is diffuses things. And the lack of grace inflames things.”
– Michael Nolen

How does living peaceably with others bring praise to God?

How does holding on to an eternal perspective allow us to handle temporary challenges?

What issue do you have that can be reconciled this week?

APPLICATION

Challenge: During the message did God bring anyone to mind that you need to ask forgiveness or give grace too?

Ask someone in the group to give accountability too.

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS