

3. **GOSPEL LOVE:** _____
as the climax of the story

- The way Ian loves Barley is the same way Jesus loves us, except Jesus does it even better.
- Jesus is the _____ and _____ Ian.

We continue our Reel Grace 2020 series today with an exploration of Pixar's ONWARD. Today's message is targeted for our GraceKids, but adults, too, can learn a lot as they listen in.

3 ways ONWARD points us to the Gospel . . .

1. **GOSPEL NEED:** _____ and _____ **of a broken world**

- Both Ian and Barley feel the _____ of not having a dad and they both _____ to see him, know him and spend time with him.
- Ian feels a _____ of personal confidence and boldness and he _____ to become more.
- Barley feels the _____ of "magic and mystery" in the elf world and he _____ for more than just a physical world.

The loss and longing we feel in this world is meant to turn us to Jesus.

2. **GOSPEL WORDS:** the transforming power of _____

- Barley is a lot like _____ in Onward.

As those who believe the Gospel of Jesus, the words we speak are supposed to reflect the Gospel we believe.

NEXT WEEK:

Joys and Snares

Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

Connecting Together

If you had a chance to watch ONWARD, did you like it? Why or why not?

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you or challenge you?
2. Like other recent Pixar movies, ONWARD is not afraid to deal with the tough topic of loss and longing. While Ian and Barley both feel the loss of and long for their dad, each also feels another loss and longing. What else does each one long for?
3. Talk about loss and longing in your own life. What are the losses and longings that mark your life?

4. How and why are our losses and longings meant to point us to our need for Jesus? Do you possess losses and longings that way?
5. Before we pointed it out in the message, did you notice Barley's constant encouragement of Ian throughout the movie? Who in your life has encouraged and built you up with words? Who are you encouraging and building up with words?
6. Like in ONWARD, self-sacrifice serves as the climax for so many stories. Can you think of few more classic and contemporary examples? Why is this?

Praying Together

- Pray for the checking and dissipation of this Covid-19 virus.
- Pray for the healing of individuals and communities that contacted the Covid-19 virus.
- Pray for the safety of healthcare and others working on the frontlines of the Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for the financial provision of businesses and individuals who have lost work because of this Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for wisdom for county, state, and national leaders as they make crucial decisions during this Covid-19 crisis.
- Let your losses and longings lead you to cry out to Jesus together.