

4. The Church is a _____.

Jesus is our Peace.

5. The Church is a _____.

Jesus is our Savior.

Four ways to anchor into Grace Central Coast this Fall:

- _____ with the church to worship weekly
(online or live)
- _____ to a Growth Group
(gracecentralcoast.org/groups)
- _____ on a team
(gracecentralcoast.org/serve)
- _____ becoming a Covenant Member
(gracecentralcoast.org/membership)

ANCHORED

HANGING ON TO WHAT MATTERS

Anchored to the Church

Ephesians 2-4

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Today we're jumping into our 2020 Fall Challenge Series which we're calling ANCHORED. We're talking about vital and essential anchors that followers of Jesus need in this uncertain, crazy time. Last week we talked about being "Anchored to the Gospel". Today we're exploring 5 reasons, all rooted in what the church is, we need to be "Anchored to the Church" . . .

1. The Church is a _____.

Jesus is our Redeemer Brother.

2. The Church is a _____.

Jesus is our Cornerstone.

3. The Church is a _____.

Jesus is our Head.

NEXT WEEK:

Anchored: Hanging on to What Matters

Anchored to the Mission | Ephesians 2-4

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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.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Did you grow up in a church? If you did, what was that experience like? Good, bad or ugly? If you didn't, what was your family's view of the church? How does that experience inform and impact your experience of church today?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's word) 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. Read Ephesians 2:11-3:10 as you come together as a group. Can you identify the 4 metaphors used to describe the church: Family, Temple, Body and Mystery? Where do we get the idea that the church is a MESS in Ephesians?
3. Casual. Consumeristic. Caustic. Do any of these words now describe your view of / approach to the church? Why? Which might have described your view of / approach to the church in the past? Describe that time.

4. Which of the 5 truths about the church grabbed you and/or spoke to you most in the message? Why?
5. **Growth Group as Family:** Church wounds are real wounds. And healthy churches are far too rare. Why is that? What is a healthy church? How do we be and nurture the health of Grace Central Coast and what role does your group play in that effort?
6. **Growth Group as Servant/Missionary:** We are living in a time when people are increasingly isolated and lonely. The church offers us what we long for and need: committed, loving community. How do we leverage these truths about the church and share our faith and all that the Gospel has to offer.

PRAY *(use these prompts to start your prayer time together)*

- Pray for the elimination of Covid-19 and those suffering because of it.
- Pray for one another and your anchoring to the Gospel this Fall.
- Share needs and pray for one another and your families.

WRITE *(use this space to write notes, prayer requests, etc.)*
