

“Program Requires Full User Participation”

This set of questions is based on Mike’s sermon preached November 1.

1. A fellow believer remarks: “The God of the Old Testament was *demanding*, but the God of the New Testament loves *unconditionally* and gives *freely*. That’s what *grace* means.” How would you respond?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:10. Why do you think grace’s effect in Paul was to cause him to work harder than everyone else? In this verse, did Paul fail to practice his own theology as expressed in Ephesians 2:8–9?

2. The central statement in Sunday’s sermon was: “I will not offer my God that which costs me nothing.” Do you believe that *costly* service should characterize our lives? What dangers do you see in this approach to ministry?
3. Tell the group about your latest new skill or hobby. What are you doing to develop your abilities in this new area?

How would your service to God change if you brought to it the same energy and enthusiasm you have for your new hobby?

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?