



GRACE GROUP LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

(Week of April 19th)

NOT MY JESUS - FULL PLEASURE

ICEBREAKER

If you could only eat at one restaurant for the rest of your life, what would it be?

BOTTOM LINE

Christ has full pleasure in you, even with the full picture of you.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Romans 8

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Romans 5:8

1 John 1:9

1 Timothy 1:15

Ephesians 2:8-9

Isaiah 43:25

Hebrews 7:25

RESOURCES

Read this [article](#) from Desiring God titled "Leave Your Imperfections with God."

Watch this short [video](#) from Joby Martin on gaining the approval of Jesus.

GRACE EVENTS

<https://www.gracefellowship.cc/events/>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Introductory

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Have you ever had a preconceived notion of someone that was either confirmed or proved wrong?
3. Fill in the blank: When God thinks of me, He thinks _____.

Scripture

4. Read Romans 8:1-17. What does this passage tell you about your identity and position in Christ?
5. What elements of these verses confirm or confront your perception of God and how He sees you?
6. What is true about someone who is "in Christ"? (e.g., *adopted, heirs, children*)
7. Read Romans 8:18-39. How does Jesus' finished work on the cross challenge the way you typically deal with guilt or shame?

Application

8. In the message, it was said "Christ has full pleasure in you, even with the full picture of you." What changes in our faith life when we live *from* acceptance not *for* acceptance?
9. Are you still living out of your own performance or Christ's performance? What are signs that you are living out of one over the other?
10. How can you make a practice of reminding yourself how God really sees you?



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Series: Not My Jesus
Title: "Full Pleasure"
Text: Romans 8

To See It
The cross brings clarity.

Core of the Conversation

We are called to know and follow the real thing, not our thing.

The Dynamic

Our posture toward others flows from our perception of their posture toward us.

Huge Question

What do you think God thinks of you when He thinks about you?

Based On What You Think

Depending on your answer: You distance yourself from God and feel discouraged with God.

Pivotal

You will have a wrong relationship with Christ as long as you do not have a right understanding of "in Christ."

The Not My Jesus Lies

Jesus is disappointed with me and my mess-ups.

In Christ

He has full pleasure in you, even with the full picture of you.

Your actions don't change His acceptance, affection, and affirmation.

Full Pleasure

1. your performance vs Christ's performance
2. father vs evaluator
3. finished product vs ongoing work