



- A James River Christmas is just three weeks away! Pick up a stack of invitation cards at any campus and be sure to invite everyone you know, no one will want to miss it! Also, with additional service times, there are more opportunities to be a part of what God is doing. If you can serve an additional service on Saturday or Sunday, let your Dream Team leader know!
- Life Groups can meet in person, and we would ask that you limit your gatherings to 25 (adults and children).
- Social Distancing and Care: Please continue to practice social distancing when meeting in person. We are not requiring that masks be worn but recommend a mask for those who prefer to wear one. And we encourage all those who are 65 years or older to continue to meet virtually. As a leader, based on these guidelines, you can decide what is best for the people in your group.

This Week's Icebreaker Question:

If you could have an unlimited supply of one specific item that wasn't money, what would it be?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. On Sunday we looked at the two vantage points from which life can be seen: Grumbling and Grace. How do these vantage points alter our perception of reality? The vantage point of grumbling sees what is lacking and is discontent. The vantage point of grace sees everything that has been given and is thankful. Do you recognize when you begin to see from the vantage point of grumbling? What areas in your life could you be looking at from the vantage point of grumbling rather than grace?
2. One of the four things Pastor John identified that can cause grumbling is being close to the wrong people. When the Israelites left Egypt, a large "rabble" of non-Israelites left with them. Their complaining and lack of faith in God quickly influenced the people of Israel. How can you prevent other people's lack of faith from influencing your trust in God?
3. Forgetting what God has done is a hallmark of grumbling but remembering the goodness of God is central to the perspective of grace. What can you be thankful for today? How does gratitude help change our vantage point? What else can we do to see our circumstances through the grace of God instead of the dissatisfaction of grumbling?
4. In the desert, God's grace provided the Israelites with water, bread, and one day a week to rest. On the sixth day, God provided twice the amount of bread so that the people wouldn't have to work. When we take one day of the week to obey God and rest, the rest of the week will be blessed and its capacity and production increased. When we don't take a weekly sabbath, we risk losing our heart for worship, our joy, our perspective, and our health. What prevents us from making sabbath rest regular in our lives? How can we begin to institute a sabbath rhythm in our lives and set apart weekly times to rest?