Sermon Title: Grace Alone
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Scriptures: 1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. 2 Now we know that God’s judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. 3 So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment? 4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? 5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 God “will repay each person according to what they have done. [Romans 2:1-6]

- Grace = God’s riches at Christ’s expense
- The Judgment seat of Christ is for all believers.
- We will be accountable for our time, talents, treasures, our thoughts attitudes, and actions. And we will be rewarded (or not rewarded) based on how we lived, or did not live, for Jesus Christ.
Growth Group Questions
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PRE-GAME WARM-UPS
1. How was your Thanksgiving? How was it different this year?
2. What do you feel most thankful for this year?

KICK-OFF
1. Do you think you’re a good person? Explain.
2. How would you describe God's grace to an unbeliever in your own words?
3. Who are the people in your life that you have difficulty extending grace and mercy towards and why?
4. Do you ever think much about standing before the judgment seat of Christ? What concerns or comforts you about that and why?
5. Do you tend to judge others based upon the standard of your own goodness or shortcomings? Explain.
6. What are you doing now to prepare for the day you will stand before Jesus and give an account of your deeds while upon this earth?
7. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or inspiring in the sermon today and why?

THE PLAYBOOK
Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today’s message.
• Romans 3:10
• Matthew 12:36
• 1 Peter 2:24

PRACTICE / FILM STUDY
• Who are the unsaved people in my life I should be praying for?
• If I were to stand before the judgment seat of Christ today, in what ways would I be ready to give an account of myself, and in what ways would I not be ready? Are there any life changes I need to make now while I still have time?