

lifeLines  
Homes Built on GRACE & TRUTH  
What is Grace?  
FREE

**WORD**

(You are welcome to gather in groups of 3 or 4 for all or part of this discussion.)

**Read Matthew 10:1-8**

**The 4 R's: Read, Reflect, Respond, Remember**

*The 4 R's has been used by the Church as the framework for our lifeGroup discussions around God's Word. You can find our weekly lifeLines [here](#).*

**[Read – What does the passage say?]**

At first you need to observe the passage closely, like a detective. Become familiar with the detail. Try to determine exactly what the author was communicating to the original recipients. In this step, you will normally ask:

What happened?

What was taught?

**[Reflect – What does it mean?]**

Now take the information from step #1 and compare it with other related verses of Scripture to find the primary principle of this passage. In this step, you will normally ask:

What was one principle/lesson the writer or God was trying to communicate?

Why do you think God put this in the Bible?

**[Respond – How should this principle impact my life?]**

(marriage, work, family, ministry, social life, friendships)

The goal of the Bible study is knowing God and His will for my life, so this step is probably the most important one, Ask God to show you how the principle from step #2 directly applies to your life. In this step, you will normally ask:

What does this mean today?

How should this principle impact my life?

**[Remember – How can I remember it?]**

This is where you creatively try to remember the principle you have discovered. If it's worth applying to our lives, it's worth remembering.

**PRAY**

Using Jesus' last words in verse 8 *"Freely you have received. Freely give."* make this your theme for prayer. Use the *"ACTS"* format...

*Adoration: we praise God for who He is,*

*Confession: we acknowledge our sin,*

*Thanksgiving: we thank God for what He has done and is doing,*

*Supplication: we ask God for "stuff" (Intercession: for others & Petition: for ourselves)*

**LOVE**

In what specific ways are you being challenged today to "receive freely" and/or "give freely"?