

MARCH 2020

# GRACE MONTHLY

*"And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.""*

*Isaiah 6:3*



## Knowing God

by Eunji Kim

In the month of February, we have been going through a sermon series titled, "Our God". Through these sermons we explored some of God's attributes, the importance of having a healthy understanding of who God is, and how our knowledge of God is supposed to impact the way we live.

The president and founder of OnePassion Ministries, Steven J. Lawson, said, "It is our knowledge of God that ultimately determines, defines, and directs everything in our lives". As I looked back to my sermon notes to remind me of what I learned, I realized that my prior knowledge of "who God is" was shallow. One particular attribute that stood out to me during one of the sermons was God's holiness. Before, God's immeasurable holiness made me feel distant from Him. I constantly kept myself busy which restricted myself from taking ample time to understand His holiness and to hear Him. However, after taking some time to reflect on the sermon again, I learned that **God's holiness is meant to help me connect with Him as it separates me from my sins**. By this, I also realized that it is so important for us to deeply know God in order to reflect the character of Christ.

Is the desire of your heart to really know God? If so, then pursue that goal. Especially as we enter the season of Lent, I hope we could all increase our time with Jesus and decrease our time with other things that we may prioritize. When we do, I guarantee that we will be able to experience God for who He truly is!

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# FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

## BOARD GAME NIGHT

CLAY Youth had a board game night on Friday, Feb 7th. It was an opportunity for students to fellowship and get to know one another, in a fun environment!



## BREAKING STEREOTYPES

GEM Youth's Brothers and Sisters Appreciation Night happened on Friday, Feb 14th. This year's focus was on "misconceptions: breaking stereotypes". Students were divided into teams to play games that required various skill-sets, and also had an extended time getting to know one person in GEM Youth that they were not really familiar with. To close the night, Pastor Josh shared a brief message from Colossians 3:12-15.



Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.** And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

Colossians 3:12-15



# FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS cont'd

## GENDER-SPLIT FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT

On Friday, Feb 14th CLAY Youth held a separate event for the boys and the girls. The boys split into two teams and played a bunch of games including quizzes and arm wrestling. The girls had a paint night, painting one another's portraits and a time of sharing.



## LEADERS RETREAT



The CLAY and GEM Youth leaders had their leaders retreat this year from Feb 16-17th and 21-22nd, respectively. The CLAY leaders meditated on Romans 5:3-4, on "sanctification". The GEM leaders' focus was on "Shema: Hearing God", with the passage from Deuteronomy 6:4-6. It was a fun and blessed time for the leaders to bond deeper relationally and spiritually with one another, as well as praying for their students and for the youth ministries.

## GIRLS' NIGHT

GEM Youth had a girls-only night on Friday, February 28th. Close to 60 students and leaders came out on this evening! They began by playing a few games, including a series of intense rock-paper-scissors tournaments. They then spent the rest of the evening making personalized prayer journals. Overall, it was a fun, casual and relaxed evening.



## Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God that the leaders had a blessed time at their leaders retreat! Please continue to **pray** for them, that they will depend on God to provide the strength and wisdom to care for the youth students.
- **Pray** for the students and leaders in Grace Youth as they "walk with Jesus" during this Lent season. **Pray** that everyone's time with Jesus would continue to increase, both throughout the season of Lent and in each day of their lives.
- The corona virus outbreak is causing much fear and feelings of anxiety around the world. Please **pray** for God's peace and protection to be upon the families and friends who have been impacted by its effects.



This year's season of Lent is from February 26th to April 11th. As we reflect on the ministry of Jesus and His work on the cross, we will be meditating on His seven "I AM" statements found in the gospel of John.

*Weekly devotionals and related spiritual activities will be posted on our website and on Instagram.*

### Answers to "THE GOD WE KNOW"

*(from February 2020 Grace Monthly)*

**Sovereign** - Ruler of all things. Everything that exists, exist under God's rule and authority.

**Omniscient** - Knows all things perfectly, and all things past, present, and future.

**Transcendent** - Above and beyond all things. Unlike any other thing we know.

**Immutable** - Unchanging.

**Eternal** - Not bound by time; has no beginning and no end.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

**There are no scheduled Friday Youth Nights or Parents Meeting for the month of March.**

Please keep up with our latest updates on our website:  
[www.gccyouth.weebly.com](http://www.gccyouth.weebly.com)