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# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

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## VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your need up to the Lord.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRAISE

Welcome  
Call To Worship  
["All Creatures Of Our God and King"](#)  
Baptisms  
["King Of Kings"](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson  
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### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal  
["Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"](#)

Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

Karen Sytsma  
Pastor Mike Matheson  
Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

["I Want To Know You"](#)  
Benediction

Pastor Mike Matheson

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## CARE MINISTRY

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### PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Ken Kotes

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Al & Kim Boscha and family on the passing of Al's father, Peter Boscha.*

*On the passing of Kevin Nielsen, we extend our sympathies to his brother, Tom (Tara) Nielsen and grandmother, Kathy Lema.*

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## GRACE HAPPENINGS

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### JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

**Begins September 8th**

**Meets every other Thursday for 12 weeks at 6:30pm**

Journey Groups are communities of care where stories of pain and abuse can be spoken, heard, and redeemed. Journey groups provide opportunities to open your soul to a deeper understanding of your past, to have courage and integrity in current relationships, and to grow in connection with the Author of your story.

Scan the QR code or contact Gayle Manske [gaylemanske@att.net](mailto:gaylemanske@att.net) for more information.



### SOUTH AFRICA TRIP PRESENTATION

**Sunday, August 21, after service in the Commons**

Come hear all about the recent trip a team from Grace took to South Africa. Coffee & donuts will be served.

### INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER - INFO SESSION

**Saturday, August 27 / 10am-Noon**

International Community Center // 4208 S Howell Avenue, Milwaukee  
*(less than 30 mins. from Grace)*

Learn more about volunteering with immigrants and refugees on Milwaukee's south side. (ESL, Citizenship, tutoring, classroom childcare).  
Contact: Joe Kobriger – [jobrigger@gmail.com](mailto:jobrigger@gmail.com) (262) 939-5152

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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### LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 401  
Livestream Attendance: 79  
Giving: \$19,835

### 2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$963,185  
+/- Budget: \$10,139

# SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

Last week, we learned that the direction of the king's heart determines the direction of the kingdom. An imperfect king turns the heart of the kingdom away from God, but we long for a better King in Jesus who never turns the kingdom away. This week, we learn that God is doing a new thing. He is making a new covenant. His people had broken the covenant, failing to keep terms that God gave Moses on Mount Sinai. And now they are facing exile as punishment. So on what basis is God going to make a new covenant when all that people have ever done is sin? He is going to forgive them. And what is this new covenant going to take? A radical heart replacement. This week we learn that our relationship with God is broken, but through Jesus God has made a way to fix it permanently.

## Discussion Questions

1. Has there been a season in your life when it felt like you were “turning a page”? When you were starting over or starting something new? What change brought in that season, and what was that season like?
2. Right before our passage, Jeremiah writes, “The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge” (31:29). In other words, the “fathers” have broken God’s covenant, and the “children” are about to experience exile as punishment. As they face exile, how might 31:31-34 have encouraged them? How does this context affect how you read this passage?
3. In this passage, God is comparing and contrasting the old covenant (see v. 32) and the new covenant. What are the similarities and differences? Consider comparing and contrasting this passage with Exodus 34:1-35.
4. Why did there need to be a new covenant? What was God going to base this new covenant on (see the last sentence of v. 34)? And what is this new covenant going to take (see where God will write His law in v. 33)? What is it inside of us that needs to be made new?
5. Today’s passage talks about this new covenant being personal, about the renewed relationship between God and His people, about being taught by God. Read Jesus’ words in John 6:45-51; 14:15-17, and 22-23. How might these verses further illuminate today’s passage? How can you be taught by God? How can you know God?

# SERMON NOTES

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

**THE PROMISE OF  
SOMETHING NEW**

**NEXT WEEK**

[Mark 1:1-15](#)

## **WORSHIPPERS IN TRAINING QUESTIONS**

Parents – here are two questions to ask your child this week about their time in Worshippers in Training! Remember – they will be receiving a question to ask you too!

1. Why is the new covenant better than the old one God made with Moses and Israel?
2. Is the new covenant for you? How do you know?