


Each week, we will highlight one of GGC's culture code in connection with the 10:30am Gospel Growth study. Read the description of Evident Faith and discuss what stands out in it to you. At Gospel Grace Church, we want to obey God regardless of the cost and even if we don't know all the details. We refuse to dig our roots into that which is passing away. We willingly invest our families, our finances and future because we bank everything on the promises of God. We communicate and exercise this faith through our emphasis on corporate and individual prayer.




- 1 **How is this culture code value countercultural in our day and age and context?** How does this value provide a better way of life for God's people? See also Heb 11:9-10, 24-26.


- 2 **What are some of the ways that we can display evident faith both individually and as a church family?** Read 2 Peter 3:11-13, Matt 6:9-13, James 5:17-18, Acts 2:42, Heb 11:13-16.


- 1 **Reread the first paragraph of this Sunday's text (Mark 2:1-12), Consider Jesus in the text.** What do you learn about Him in this passage of Scripture? Where do you see Jesus claiming to be God? What evidence from the passage supports His claim?

 *What other passages of Scripture come to mind in reference to the deity of Christ?*

 *Why is it important to believe in the deity of Christ?*

- 2 **The paralytic man in Mark 2 may have thought that his greatest problem was his physical limitations, but Jesus demonstrated his power to heal him of his greatest need—the disease of sin.**

 *Are there sins that you've committed in your past that you are currently tempted to be discouraged about? Are there sins in your past that still causes you great shame?*

 *If so, what can help you overcome these temptations towards discouragement and shame? Has Christ forgiven you of these sins? How should you think of past sin? (see 1 Peter 3:18; Rom 5:1-11, Rom. 8:1-2)*

3 **Our greatest need is the forgiveness of sins, because sin separates us from God and others.** However, in our passage we see that God is not only looking to give the sinner a clean slate, but is also looking to have a relationship with the sinner. In Mark 2, Jesus moved toward sinners. Sometimes, we go along pretending that we don't sin, and we live life like we aren't sinners.

📖 What does 1 John 1:8-10 say about those who pretend they don't sin?

🗣️ Discuss together some ways that Christians can grow in the following...

- confessing sin more regularly and quickly
- seeing sin more accurately and presently
- turning from self-righteousness and self-dependence

4 **How would you describe the people whom Jesus pursues here in this text?** What do you notice about who Jesus interacts with and how he interacts with them in this text?

5 **There are probably many people in our community who could be considered outcasts and sinners.** They just don't quite fit in, and it might be because of sins that they've committed.

📖 How can our church posture itself to be accepting of the marginalized into our church family?

📖 How should we interact with these "outcasts"? How can we be more like Jesus when he ate with tax collectors and sinners?

📖 How should we pray? How can we demonstrate hospitality?

PRAYER REQUESTS
