

CORNERSTONE **DISCIPLESHIP** GROUPS

BELIEVE, RECEIVE, REST, part 2

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Pastor Andrew Burns

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- October is Pastor Appreciation month!

OPENING PRAYER

RECAP LAST WEEK

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Receiving from God is about exercising the faith you already have, not getting more faith.
2. Your imagination plays a crucial role in receiving from God.
3. Faith believes before it sees; it's not conditional on seeing first.
4. We receive by grace through faith, not by our own efforts or works.
5. God has already given us everything we need for life and godliness, we receive by faith

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Andrew emphasizes the importance of imagination in receiving from God. How do you typically use your imagination in your spiritual life? How might you use it more intentionally?
2. Reflect on Isaiah 26:3. What does it mean to keep your mind "stayed" on God? How can we practically apply this in our daily lives? Isaiah 26:3 ESV You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
3. Pastor Andrew mentions that many Christians "shoot themselves in the foot" by feeding on everything but the Word of God and that begins to shape our imaginations. What are some ways we can prioritize God's Word in our daily lives?
4. How does the concept of "receiving" differ from "getting" or "earning" in relation to God's promises? Why is this distinction important?
5. The sermon talks about "grace upon grace." Share an experience where you felt you received God's grace abundantly in your life. John 1:16 ESV For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Imagination Exercise: Spend a few minutes each day this week visualizing a promise from God or an area where you need His help. Use your God-given imagination to "see" it with your faith.
2. Grace Journal: Start a journal where you write down instances of God's grace in your life daily. This will help you focus on receiving rather than earning.
3. Word Meditation: Choose a scripture mentioned in the sermon (e.g., Hebrews 11:1, Isaiah 26:3, John 1:16) and meditate on it throughout the week. Share your insights at the next meeting.
4. Receiving Practice: When praying this week, consciously resist thoughts of having to earn God's blessings. Instead, practice "receiving" by faith what God has already provided.
5. Media Fast: Consider a short fast from news or social media, replacing that time with reading the Bible or listening to worship music to renew your mind.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for His grace and the faith He's given us. Ask for help in receiving all He has for us and living in the fullness of the abundant life (zōē G2222) that Jesus came to provide.