

SERMON NOTES

Believe

John 20:19-31 Pages 1546 (Grace Bibles)

1. The Gospels were written so that you may _____ that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have _____. (John 20:31)

2. _____ is humanity's greatest need - peace with _____, peace _____, and peace with _____.

3. As God did when He first formed Adam and breathed into him the _____ so Jesus did when He, "breathed on them and said, ' _____ the Holy Spirit.'"

4. "The powerful, personal, _____ of Jesus" is there for us in our doubts, calling us to believe.

5. Believe and commit your full allegiance to Jesus, declaring that He is " _____."

STAY CONNECTED

Guests: You are invited to stop by one of our Welcome Centers located by the Main Entrance OR by the Grace Land Entrance! We want to give you a personal welcome, a gift and thank you for coming to Grace today.



We would like to get to know you a little better! Please scan and fill out our contact card!

Connections: If you have any questions about Grace or sign-ups, make sure you visit Connections located in the lobby adjacent to the Coffee Bar.

Sermon Notes: Fill-in-the-blank sermon notes are inside your bulletin. You can also access them, along with the scriptures for today's message, through the Bible App ("Events" and "Grace Fellowship").



Please scan the QR Code to access our Sermon Notes on the Bible App

Prayer Requests: Go to our website, click on "Prayer Requests" at the top of the Home Page and let us know how our staff and Prayer Team can pray for you! Our website: www.gracefellowshipatmore.com

Giving Options: In addition to the Offering Boxes located in the lobby and auditorium, you can give your offering by visiting our website and clicking on the "Give" link at the top of the Home page. You will then go to Give Online and click on "Give HERE".

Our website: www.gracefellowshipatmore.com

Stay Connected: Stay up to date with what's happening here at Grace through:

- **Facebook** – Like and Follow our page: (facebook.com/gracefellowshipatmore)
- **Email** – sent out weekly on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Email gracefellowshipatmore@gmail.com if you are not receiving these weekly emails!
- **Website** – www.gracefellowshipatmore.com
- **Text** - Text "GFCONNECT" TO 94000



Get to know Grace Fellowship!

Our Purpose - Know God. Follow Jesus. Love People.

Our Offering - We don't take a public offering. Rather, we have "Offering Boxes" located in the lobby and the back of the auditorium for tithes and offerings. Offering envelopes are available beside the "Offering Boxes" for those who would like a receipt for cash contributions. We trust that God will meet our financial needs through those who call *Grace* their church home.



To Give Online - please scan the QR code.

Our Children's Ministry - *Grace Land* is where we communicate God's love and truth in a dynamic way that kids are able to understand. Classes for birth through 5th Grade begin at 10:00 a.m. If you are new to Grace, please go to the Grace Land check-in counter so that we can meet with you briefly to get important information about your child's needs and preferences.

KIC (Kids In Christ): 6th grade (11 years old) - 8th grade: meets every Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Ignite Student Ministries: 9th grade (14 years old) - 12th grade: meets every Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Groups provide a positive opportunity to build relationships with other Christians and to grow spiritually. If you have questions, need more information, or would like to connect with a group, contact Raja Atallah at raja.gracefellowship@gmail.com.



The church office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday – Friday.
Contact us: 251-368-4463 gracefellowshipatmore@gmail.com

Men of Grace Dinner: All men are welcome to join us for a Men's Dinner THIS Thursday, April 16th at 6:30pm here at Grace. Come hear how God calls men to counter-cultural humility and strength by "Walking in His Steps". Stop by Connections today to sign up!

Ladies Lunch: Ladies (18 and up), come enjoy good food and fellowship at David's Catfish House in Atmore on Saturday, April 18th at 11:00am. Bring money to cover your lunch, please. RSVP at Connections.

Men of Grace: The Coffee Connection! Men, join us every Tuesday morning at 6:45am in room 1 at Grace Fellowship for: connection, sharpening and prayer. There is no need to sign up, just show up!

Save - the - Date:

Groups - Spring Semester - **April 12th - May 20th**

Commit to SERVE Sunday - **April 19th**

National Day of Prayer - **May 7th**

Family Sunday - **May 31st**

Ladies Bowling Night - **June 1st**

Move Up Sunday - **June 7th**

RightNow Media: Our church has access to an extensive, video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. If you would like access, contact the church office at 251-368-4463 or gracefellowshipatmore@gmail.com.

 **GROUP NOTES**

ENTERING THE GROUP ZONE

1. What's something you once doubted but later came to fully believe in? (Answers may be spiritual or nonspiritual.)
2. What makes believing in God easy in some situations and difficult in others?
3. Faith often comes with doubts. What helps your faith grow when doubts arise? Share an experience.
4. Looking back at this week's message, was there anything that particularly challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?

Take a minute to review the sermon and complete the sermon notes on the previous page for anyone who might have missed it.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor Gene emphasized from John 20 the importance of believing who Jesus is. Jesus' reply to doubting Thomas was, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29). Read the following verses and explain how each affirms the words of Jesus about believing.
 - Hebrews 11:1, 6
 - 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
 - 1 Peter 1:8-9
2. Read Mark 9:21-24. The father who brought his son to Jesus for healing proclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (verse 24). Can you relate to the faith of the father (he believes, yet not without doubts)?
 - Can faith and doubt coexist? Explain.
 - Can doubt actually strengthen our faith? Explain.

TAKING IT HOME

Pastor Gene said that the gospels are written so that we may believe. Often, that belief is strengthened by the struggles that test it. Consider how God may use the doubts and struggles you are facing now to help you reach a deeper belief.