

Homework Questions from:
The Gospel-Centered Community (Lesson 8) &
Nine Marks of a Healthy Church (Mark Eight)

From Gospel-Centered Community, Lesson 8:

- i. Have you ever been in a community where you felt accepted (not perfectly, of course, but genuinely)? What made you feel that way?
- ii. Do you tend toward some aspect of **pride** as it was laid out in this article? Which scenario or description remind you of yourself?
- iii. Do you tend toward some aspect of **fear** as it was laid out in this article? Which scenario or description remind you of yourself?
- iv. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being low, 10 being high), how grace filled would you say our community is? Why did you choose the number you did?
- v. From the exercise (pages 84-85): Which of these sinful tendencies do you see most often in yourself? What aspects of Spirit-driven acceptance do you find compelling?
 - a. What excited you or motivates you about being part of a community like that (right column)?

From Nine Marks of a Healthy Church, Mark Eight:

- i. From pages 210-216. What are two ways a congregation can “grow?”
 - a) Is numerical growth necessarily good? Why or why not?
- ii. What biblical texts might you cite to argue that true church growth is about believers deepening their faith? (Pages 213-216)

- iii. On pages 216-222, Dever summarizes the other eight marks of a healthy church. How do these other marks help a congregation grow?

- iv. On pages 222-224, Dever goes through his hopes for growth at his church. At Grace Church, we believe that one of the ways we grow is through our discipleship program - GraceGroups. As we reach the end of Phase 201, what are some ways you have seen yourself and your fellow GraceGroup members grow in the spiritual lives?