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Liturgical Date: Year B, Easter 7, 12th May 2024 Presenter: Rev Ian Pearson

Focus Reading: Acts:15-26 (especially 18-20)

Message 10 minutes 38 seconds

"A Fundamentalist about Grace!"

Discussion Starters

- 1 What grabbed your attention in this witness to the graces of God?
- 2 What graces from others sustain your life?
- 3 What graces does/can your church offer to its members?
- 4 What graces does/can your church offer to its wider non-church community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 1 Provides a paradigmatic example of those who both embody God's word (Torah) and are formed by it within the community of God's people. People who embrace Torah find it brings burgeoning life.

1 John **5:9-13** God vests the good news of resurrection life in Christ within the hearts of his people in such a way that proclamation of the resurrection intertwines the testimony of human beings with that of God.

John 17:6-19 God gives a community of disciples to Jesus, who trusts them with his word and who, with the father, preserves them as those who continue to embody that word. Abingdon Theological Companion to the Lectionary, Year B. Copyright c2014 by Abingdon Press, an imprint of the United Methodist Publishing House. (Used by permission. All rights reserved.)

All Age Message: Rev Ian Pearson

"Forgiveness"

Length 3 minutes 32 seconds **Precis of AAM**

Here is a story of outrageous love, much like Jesus' own parables, however this is a real story that tells us about the love of God and how far it extends.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 1 page 245

Rev Ian Pearson

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