

Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries (SDMI) Chairman

I was privileged to attend the M19 conference in KC back in February. I was especially honored to attend the SDMI dinner that our Global Director Scott Rainey spoke at. He shared his vision for SDMI that night and it spoke to my heart for our district. The theme is “A Journey of Grace”, as it details the journey we all take in our lives of seeking and finding the Lord. This is not a flash in the pan type of gimmick, but it plainly deals with the journey every human takes in finding Jesus as the lord of their lives.

It begins with Prevenient Grace, as God goes before us giving us the opportunity to accept Him into our hearts. Then we accept his Saving Grace as He comes into our hearts and forgives us of our sin. We then are the recipients of His Sanctifying Grace. Cleansing us and putting us into the life of Holiness.

As the discipleship arm of the church we can relate to and plug in so many people along this timeline and find ways to love and teach them God’s grace. This works in Sunday School, small groups that meet at any time of the week, and in our one on one encounters. This year we will focus on equipping our local SDMI Directors and teachers to have the training and resources to do just that. This Fall we are preparing and planning two special gatherings in the northern and southern areas of our districts where we can share ideas, hear what the needs are fellowship together as we walk together in the joy of teaching and discipleship. Please continue to pray and as always contact me anytime to let me know how we can serve you better.

The best is yet to come!!

Respectfully Submitted,
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