



GracePoint: A Weekly Sermon Discussion

15 - _____ Oath to _____

Announcements:

4/28 After Service

Annual

Conference

Report

5/1 @7:30 -

Prayer

5/2 @6:30 -

Grace Group

5/5 @8:30 -

Sunday School

5/5 @6:00 -

Family Night

ICE BREAKER: If you could be fluent in any foreign language, what would it be?

READ: Ecclesiastes 8:1-2

I tend to try and stay away from “translation issues” when I preach and teach. There are a few reasons for this. The first is that many people hear that there are difficulties translating some thing or another and begin to think that means that we cannot trust [some translation] or worse... the Bible in general. By saying that sometimes certain phrases are difficult to translate from one language to another should not mean any of those things, so I just don’t go there. But the other, and honestly to me more important, reason is that I always worry that doing things like that is communicating that there are some things that are difficult and complicated and you have to know certain things to ever be able to fully read the bible. Some people use “the need for the original language” to lock meaning behind the original language, which is neither true nor helpful. So today we are going to dive into a “translation issue” to (hopefully!) show that these are not always that bad, and we can all get to the answer without advanced degrees in biblical languages!