

CAN EVERYTHING BE QUANTIFIED?

I don't like math, or numbers really. I balance my check book diligently. But numbers fail to capture the ever present grace that unfolds daily before me. Still, we live in a culture obsessed with numbers. Everything is quantified: children's reading progress, protein portions, water intake, job performance. Even the Christian church is not immune to numbers. The most common question I am asked about Grace, "How many people coming on Sunday?" Rarely do people ask, "How many people have been transformed?"

The only number included in this report is **FIVE**. This Advent marks 5 years that Grace has been gathering as a Christian community in the ever-changing 21st century. Some things—like transformation, grace, and forgiveness—cannot be quantified and never should be. At Grace Community Boston there has been an abundance of blessings beyond the reach of mathematics.

"My daughter and I have found ourselves enveloped in love and stability at Grace... and to add to the list, the joy of being part of such a giving community! Our own pond ripples with giving and receiving."



FIVE DIFFERENT GATHERING PLACES OVER FIVE YEARS

A condo, a church, a deserted office building, Perks Coffee House, and now Dedham Square Coffee House. It's been a bit exhausting to move around so much, but we've also learned to be dynamic in the process. Each space has brought new perspective and needed change. That said, we hope in **FIVE** years we're still in our current location. Dedham Square Coffee House is spacious, hospitable, and filled with potential.

WHO COMES TO GRACE?

Spiritual Seekers

Doubting Believers

The "Allergic to Church"

SBNR

(spiritual, but not religious)

Questioning Faithful

Traditional & Blended Families

Single & Divorced

LGBTQP & Straight Allies

High-School Graduates & PhDs

Undocumented Citizens & Mayflower Descendants

Young, Old & Not-telling

Agnostics & Buddhists



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