

## **Church People Are The Worst... | Grace and Truth | Week 5**

### **John 1:14-17**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The people Jesus loved were messy. The way Jesus loved was messy. He ate with tax collectors and talked with adulterers. His disciples struggled and we still struggle today to understand His extraordinary love. In this message, we will unwrap the two ingredients that made Jesus's love revolutionary: the secret of the most irresistible message ever preached. This message is on grace and truth, how Jesus always got it right, and what we can learn from Him.

#### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- Think about a situation in which you discovered you were lied to. How did you feel? How did this affect your relationship with the person who lied to you?
- Think about a situation in which you lied. Why did you lie? How did you feel afterwards? What happened as a result of your lying?

#### **SERMON NOTES REVIEW**

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching. Was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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#### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Is there someone in your life you are wrestling in the middle of the tension between grace and truth?
2. All of us tend to naturally lean more toward Grace or Truth. Which one do you tend to lean toward and why?
3. Describe a time when you experienced more grace or truth than you deserved? Our human nature expects grace to be applied to our mistakes but tends to apply truth to other's mistakes. Why do you think this is true?
4. **Read aloud Romans 3:23-24 & Ephesians 2:1-9.** What do these passages tell us about the grace of God that came through Jesus?
5. **John 1:16 states**, we have "grace upon grace." Can the grace of God ever come to an end? What would you say to someone who asks if it's ok to sin because we have "grace upon grace?" **Now read aloud Romans 6:1-4** to see what the Bible says about grace.

6. C.S. Lewis once stated Christianity's greatest contribution to world religion was grace. Do you agree? Why or why not?

7. **Read aloud John 8:3-11** (Story of the Women caught in Adultery) which takes place after our main passage this week. Does Jesus ignore the women's sin in dealing with the scribes and Pharisees? What can we learn from how Jesus forgave the women's sins?

8. What does grace without truth look like? What does truth without grace look like?

9. What is one practical way you can show Grace & Truth to someone this week?

### **PRAYER**

Jesus:

Show us more of Your incredible grace. Reveal to us more of Your unfathomable love. Wrap us in Your beautiful mercy. We trust You. Help us to praise You in the valley and on the mountain top. Help us to be balanced in grace and truth in all things as we remember You came full of Grace and Truth. Help us to grow in grace and truth. When we swing too far in focusing only on the truth, we ask for Your word and Holy Spirit to remind us of and help us apply grace in the love and grace demonstrated to us by Your sacrifice on the cross.

We pray all these things in Jesus' Name, Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is the final week of group notes and videos until the second week of August. We encourage your group to a break this summer but encourage you to still interact with your group and create a meet-up event together each month.