

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaway:

1. Being theologically correct doesn't justify being unloving or harsh
2. Jesus offers grace FIRST, which then leads to transformation
3. We don't have to clean ourselves up before coming to Jesus
4. True transformation happens through relationship with Christ, not condemnation
5. Jesus is the only one who can perfectly balance grace and truth

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you most about the encounter between Jesus, the religious leaders, and the woman?
2. Why do you think the Pharisees were willing to use this woman as a "prop" to trap Jesus? What does this reveal about their priorities?
3. How does Jesus' response demonstrate both grace AND upholding God's standards? Why is it significant that He didn't have to choose one or the other?
4. The sermon stated: "It is possible to be right and still be wrong when our motivations don't come from a place of love." Can you think of examples where this might apply?
5. Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you" BEFORE "Go and sin no more." Why does this order matter? How does it challenge the way we sometimes approach people struggling with sin?
6. Have you ever felt like you needed to "get your act together" before coming to God? How does this passage challenge that thinking?
7. The sermon mentioned that we sometimes "divorce theology and the way we treat people." What does this look like practically? How can we hold firm convictions while still treating people with Christlike love?
8. Alan Close said, "In the middle of a train wreck, you don't discuss theology." What do you think he means? When might theology discussions be inappropriate or harmful?
9. How can we differentiate between being "soft on sin" & demonstrating grace like Jesus did?

Practical Applications:

1. Identify one area where you can demonstrate more grace and love toward someone (family member, coworker, neighbor, fellow believer)
2. Examine your heart: Are there areas where you've been more concerned with being "right" than being loving?
3. Practice "grace first": Before correcting or confronting someone this week, first demonstrate genuine care and compassion.
4. Reflect on Romans 5:8 - "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"
5. Accept God's grace: If you've been holding back from God because of shame or guilt, remember Jesus says, "Neither do I condemn you".

