

Group Study Guide

August 26-27, 2023

What Kind of God? - "God is Gracious"

Mike Chilcoat

MESSAGE NOTES:

John 8:2-11

²At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹"No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

STUDY GUIDE:

STEP ONE: Icebreaker (Optional):

- Who is your favorite actor of all time and why?

STEP TWO: Prayer & Scripture Reading

- Ask someone in your group to pray to open your time together.
- Ask another person to read **John 8:2-11**.

STEP THREE: Discuss Questions

1. What was challenging, encouraging, confusing, or stood out most to you from this past weekend's teaching?
2. Many people don't believe in or are disappointed in God because He doesn't meet certain expectations they have for Him. Can you share a time when this was true for you?
3. God's grace is His undeserved blessing, favor, or kindness. **Read Psalm 145:8-9**. What are some ways that God shows his common grace to all people, including those who don't believe in Him?
4. **Read Romans 2:4**. Why is God ultimately gracious and kind?
5. Can you share a time when you specifically, or our culture in general, has taken advantage of or made a mockery of the kindness of God?
6. Why is the kindness of God ultimately only accessed through Jesus Christ? With what posture, and how does one receive this kindness?
7. What is a next practical step God is calling you to do as a result of considering His kindness, and who is one person that God may be calling you to share this kindness with this week?

STEP FOUR: Prayer

- Ask someone in your group to close in Prayer.