



Week 1- "How Does God Really Feel About Me?"

In this series we get to hear from different staff members on what they are learning in their walk with God. In this week's message Amber Smith boldly asks the question: How does God really feel about us in the middle of our mess? She shares that the answer to this question reaches the deepest part of our identity and can impact our past and our future.

1. How would you answer the question: How does God feel about me in the middle of my mess?
2. Do you naturally open up to God about the mess in your heart or do you tend to hide it from Him?
3. Who is someone in your life that you feel safe enough to share your mess with?
4. Does your person point you to the truth that God isn't ashamed of your mess? If not, who is someone that would point you to the truth of God's grace?

Read Gen 2:7

5. Do you think that the reality that God created man from dust is a clue that He is willing to sit with you in your dirt? Why or Why not?

Read John 8:1-11

6. What does this story tell you about the grace He gives you?

7. How would you say the brokenness in your story has shaped the way you see God and others?

9. What step of trust can you take this week to allow God to sit with you in your mess? What do you think will happen if you take this step?

10. If you struggle to trust that God's grace applies to your mess, how can this group help you discover God's grace for you?

Jesus clearly showed the woman that was caught in adultery that He loved her right in the middle of her mess. When you find yourself sitting in mess and shame, you can turn to a God who has shown us from the very beginning that He is not afraid to get his hands dirty. God never walks away when things get messy and you can trust that His grace is for you.