

Week 5- "Are we a Church where even people who don't like Church feel comfortable?"

It seems that everywhere you look in our nation and culture you bump into many different opinions and stances, and it seems as if fighting for something is front and center of our lives. In this series we want to discuss what RockPoint has decided to stand on, what we are fighting for, and who we are. In this week's message, we look at our third filter and discover how the Gospel, and discipleship can allow us to be safe enough for people who don't like the Church to discover the Gospel in a real way.

- 1. In your experience why do some people reject Christianity?
- 2. When have you seen "people from church keep people from church?"
- 3. If you have had a negative experience with the Church, when did you experience people safe enough for you to see God's gift of grace in a real way?

Read Luke 7:36-47

Read Matthew 23:1-13,25

4. Why do you think it is important for the church to be safe enough for people who don't like church to feel comfortable?

The reality of the Gospel is that:

I am more sinful than I ever dared believe. Yet I am more loved than I ever dared hope, and In Christ I am more whole than I ever dared imagine.

5. How does an understanding of the Gospel impact the way you see and treat others?

- 6. How can you invite the Holy Spirit in to help you gain a deeper understanding of the Gospel?
- 7. How can this group help support a journey of discovering, developing, and deepening your relationship with Jesus?

We want to be a church that is filled with Gospel-centered, deeply discipled people who are safe enough to allow others to discover who Jesus is and what He has done. This is why we ask these three questions: Are we Gospel-centered? Are we Discipleship driven? And are we a church where even people who don't like church feel comfortable? We want to be a safe community where anyone can discover, develop, and deepen a relationship with Jesus because we believe that God loved us so much and His gift of grace is important for anyone to receive.