

"Two Roads"

Christianity is often portrayed or experienced in two rooms: "The Room Of Good Intentions" or "The Room Of Grace." In this week's message John Lynch, one of the authors of "The Cure" ends the series by looking at the two rooms and what it looks like to live in grace.

- 1. Most people feel the need to perform in order to be accepted. How has this been true in your life and relationships?
- 2. When you think about your mountain of failure, where do you see God and what is the expression on His face?
- 3. Discuss the idea that when you wear a mask only your mask gets loved.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

When we embrace the room of good intentions we reduce godliness to this formula: more right behavior + less wrong behavior= more godly. The problem with this is it disregards the godliness and righteousness that is in us through trust in Jesus.

4. In what ways have you felt hopeless and discouraged from striving to fix your sin on your own?

Hebrews 11:6 says: "For without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek Him."

- 5. Discuss the following phrase, "Even on your worst day, daring to trust that God calls you righteous is the thing that pleases God the most." Do you resonate with this? Why or why not?
- 6. Because of the Room of Grace and Christ in you, you no longer have to hide behind a mask. What do you think it looks like to not hide the real you with others and God?
- 7. When you place your trust in Christ you receive a new identity. Your past and present failures do not define you, "Christ in me" defines you. What does it look like to rest in this truth?

Without Faith it is impossible to please God. God knows that when you place your trust in Jesus that you are "Christ in Me" and He sees you as righteous. The more you believe Him, the more you trust His grace and love and the less you are defined by your inability to fix your mess on your own.