

# Leader's Guide

Radical Grace

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## Overall Aim

This conversation is meant to help participants:

- Honestly identify where they see themselves in the story
- Deepen their understanding of grace as unearned yet transformative
- Receive God's grace honestly and extend it generously

Encourage grace-filled honesty, not performance. Silence is okay. Don't rush people toward answers.

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1. **Where do you most identify with the story - a broken sinner needing mercy or a religious onlooker quick to accuse?**

## Follow-Up Prompts

- What part of the story makes you uncomfortable and why?
- Are there seasons when you shift between these two roles?
- What usually alerts you that you've moved from humility into judgment?

## Additional Scripture

- Romans 3:23–24
- Romans 8:1-2
- Psalm 32:1-5

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**The woman brings only her guilt, yet receives protection, dignity, and a new start. What are some common reasons people struggle to believe that God's grace is truly unearned, and how might that affect the way people generally relate to God?**

## Follow-Up Prompts

- What messages about earning love or approval shape us most deeply?

- How does a performance-based view of God show up in prayer, guilt, or burnout?
- What changes when grace is received as a gift rather than a transaction?

## Additional Scripture

- Ephesians 2:8–9
- Titus 3:4–7
- Luke 15:11–24

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**Jesus does not condemn the woman, but he also calls her to “leave your life of sin.” How would you explain the difference between using grace as an excuse to keep sinning and allowing grace to motivate real change in someone’s life?**

## Follow-Up Prompts

- What does “cheap grace” look like in everyday life?
- How does shame-driven change differ from grace-driven change?
- Why is gratitude often a stronger motivator than fear?

## Insight

Grace does not lower the call to holiness - it changes the power source. Transformation flows from being forgiven, not from trying to earn forgiveness.

## Additional Scripture

- Romans 6:1–4
- 2 Corinthians 5:14–17

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**When people see sin in others, what are some typical “stone-throwing” responses, and what might it look like instead to respond with both grace and truth, as Jesus does in John 8? What is one concrete way you can move from criticism toward compassionate, honest grace in how you speak and act?**

## Follow-Up Prompts

- What are subtle, socially acceptable ways people throw stones today?
- How can silence, tone, or online behavior communicate judgment?
- What does it mean to protect dignity without denying truth?

## Insight

Jesus neither excuses sin nor exploits it. Encourage the group to think about responses that restore rather than shame.

## **Additional Scripture**

- Colossians 4:6
- Galatians 6:1–2
- James 2:12–13

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**If grace is truly an unearned gift and not something to be abused, how should it reshape the way you live tomorrow at home, at work, or in your community? Name one habit, attitude, or hidden pattern of sin you sense God inviting you to surrender, and one step you will take this week to walk in a new way.**

## **Follow-Up Prompts**

- What would it look like to live from gratitude rather than obligation this week?
- Who might notice a difference if grace truly shaped your responses?

## **Insight**

This question invites vulnerability. Normalize small, concrete steps rather than dramatic promises.

## **Additional Scripture**

- Micah 6:8
- Colossians 3:12–14