

FEAST

ON GRACE

SUMMARY:

Our sermon series, Feast, takes place during the season of Lent, which is a 40-day period of time in which we prepare our hearts for Easter. It's a time of self-examination, reflection, and repentance so that we can follow Jesus at a deeper level.

This week's sermon focused on grace. Through the story in John 8, Pastor Derwin gives us a picture of what grace actually is. Thanks to the sacrificial work of Jesus on the cross, we are no longer condemned—all who accept the gift of grace, no matter their background, receives salvation. Not only does Jesus provide the law, He also provides for the fulfillment of the law. It is not because of anything we do or don't do, but because of what He has done. When we truly experience the grace of Jesus, we can leave our lives of sin and walk in the new life we have been given.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Before you begin your discussion, take time to read the story Pastor Derwin shared in its entirety. You can find it in John 8:2-11. When have you experienced radical grace like the woman in the story and how did it change your life?

Read Romans 8:1-2.

- What does it mean to be "in Christ"?

Read John 8:3-6.

- Why is it curious that only the woman was brought forth by the group?
(Compare to *Leviticus 20:10*)
- What were they actually trying to accomplish by bringing the woman to Jesus?

Read John 8:7.

- What do you speculate Jesus was writing on the ground?
- How does Jesus respond to the group?

Read Titus 3:4-7.

- What does verse 5 say is the reason we have been saved?

- What is the result of our “justification” (forgiveness and salvation)?
- What is the hope of eternal life?

Read John 8:9-11.

- Why do you think the older ones leave first?
- Why didn't Jesus condemn the woman?
- What does Jesus tell the woman to do? Why is this significant?

Read Titus 2:11-14.

- To whom is salvation offered? Is there a group of people to whom you have a hard time extending grace? How does this verse change your perspective?
- What does this salvation teach us?
- What does verse 14 say that we do as a result of the grace we have received?

End your time together by considering how God has shown you grace. How will you live as a result?

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