



Unlikely Disciples

Week 5: The Disqualified | Teacher: Haley Terry
Sermon Questions for 5.25.2025

Opener

How have you considered yourself to be an “unlikely disciple”?

Read

John 4:5-15, 25-26, 28-30, 39-42

Main Points

1. Shame is really good at looking like humility or confidence.
2. The lens of shame paradigm - shame becomes your identity and God becomes your judge.
3. Shame feeds you lies about who you are about who God is.
4. The lens of grace paradigm - our identity is shaped by the One who pursues us, not by what we have done or who we believe that we are.
5. Some of us would prefer to stay small because it feels safe, but it's likely the real risk isn't being known, but staying hidden.
6. Each challenge or reason to disqualify her is met by the radical invitation of grace.
7. The gift Jesus offers the woman at the well is he reveals who she truly is by revealing who he is. This is the transformation from the lens of shame to the lens of grace.
8. You may have been a sinner, a skeptic, an offender, an outcast, a person filled with pride or feel disqualified but only Jesus can call the most unlikely of us his disciples.
9. Shame keeps you stuck, consumed with you. Grace refocuses your eyes on the God name, I AM and moves us from being hidden to being healed.

Engage with God in a Group

- When was the first time you had an encounter with Jesus where you began to see him, yourself, and others differently?
- Would you say you resonate more with the “lens of shame” or the “lens of grace”?
- Where have you seen the effects of shame in your life and relationships?
- How have you experienced a shift from shame to grace in your life and relationships?
- What if we were a church that didn't just receive grace, but ran with it arms open wide - into our neighborhoods, our workplaces, and our families?

Bottom Line

Where shame wants to keep us hidden, grace pursues us.