

Grace and Truth
Small Group Questions
John 1:14; Matthew 20:1-16; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

COMMUNITY

- Have you ever received something you absolutely didn't deserve (like a free upgrade, an unexpected gift, or getting out of trouble)?

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

- What is one thing you would do differently as a result of this message?

CORE: Read John 1:14; Matthew 20:1-16; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

1. When you think of someone who is full of grace and truth, what characteristics come to mind? Who have you known who demonstrates both well?

2. Do you naturally lean more toward grace or truth in your relationships? What experiences or personality traits do you think have shaped that tendency?

3. Is there actually a tension between grace and truth, or is the tension in how we understand and practice them? How does looking at Jesus help us answer that question?

4. In the parable of the vineyard workers, why were the workers who started early so upset? What does their reaction reveal about how they viewed fairness and generosity?

5. Have you ever struggled to extend grace to someone because you felt they didn't deserve it? What made that situation difficult?

6. What's the difference between holding someone accountable for their actions and being legalistic? How can we recognize when we've crossed that line?

7. Paul describes Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection as being "of first importance." Why are these events central to Christianity rather than simply Jesus' moral teachings?

8. Can showing someone love and kindness without ever talking about Jesus become a problem? At what point does demonstrating the gospel need to become explaining the gospel?

9. Jesus offered forgiveness while also calling people to leave their sin behind. How should that example shape the way we respond when someone we love is making choices we believe are wrong?

10. Think about your relationships with family, friends, coworkers, or neighbors. Is there someone who needs you to show them more grace? Is there someone you've avoided having a truthful conversation with?