

Tenacious Love: Grace & Truth

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: What junk food are you most likely to be “judged” for eating too much of?

KEY THOUGHT: *Love builds a bridge over which truth can pass. (Dan Burke)*

GETTING THE POINT

Read John 1:14

1. How can someone be full of two things at the same time?
2. Share an example from Jesus’ life that demonstrates His perfect balance of grace and truth.

Read Matthew 7:1-5

3. What reason is given in verse 2 for the command in verse 1?
4. Describe what makes it so difficult to remove the speck according to verse 4.
5. Why does Jesus call the person in verse 4 a “hypocrite” (verse 5)?
6. What is the difference between passing judgment on someone and helping them remove a speck from their eye (verse 5)?

GETTING DEEPER

Read John 12:47-48

1. Why did Jesus say He did not judge people?
2. What is the difference between passing judgment on someone and discerning that their actions are wrong in God’s eyes?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. Are you more likely to fall out of balance with too much truth, or too much grace?
2. Do you find relating to members of the LGBTQ community more challenging than relating to others who are doing something you consider wrong? Why or why not?
3. In what way is it freeing to find out that passing judgment on others is not part of your job description?
4. What was your biggest takeaway from Mr. Wideman’s testimony?
5. What is your response to the statement: “Love builds a bridge over which truth can pass”?
6. What can you do to build a bridge of love to someone in your life with whom you disagree?

PRAYER