



WEEKEND RESOURCES | NOVEMBER 17, 2024

How to Love with Grace and Truth

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: What if our love wasn't conditional? Together, let's look at the ingredients that made Jesus' love revolutionary – the secret of the most irresistible message ever preached.

» Main Points

- Jesus loved with grace AND with truth.
- Jesus lives in the perfect tension of grace AND truth.
- Loving people with grace AND truth is messy, inconvenient, unfair, and confusing.

» Getting Started

- How would you describe the difference between grace and truth?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [John 13:34-35; 1:1, 14; 14:9, 16-17; Mark 2:17](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

reachout

- When you talk with people, do you find it more challenging to share the truth, or is it more difficult to share grace with people? How can we practice loving and speaking with grace and truth this week?

growdeep

- Reread John 13:34-35 and describe what it means to love others like Jesus has loved you.
- Look up the stories of the Woman at the Well ([John 4:1-42](#)), Jesus and Matthew ([Matthew 9:9-13](#)), the Two Criminals on the Cross ([Luke 23:32-43](#)), and the Woman Caught in Adultery ([John 8:1-11](#)). What are the similarities you notice in each story?
- Identify how Jesus extends grace and truth in the stories above. Which does he offer first?

partner with families

- Talk as a family this week about one person in your life that you need to love better. Sending a text, an encouraging message, or blessing the person could be ways for your family to live out love this week.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- “When you don't know what to do, do what love requires of you.” What is love requiring of you with someone right now? How can you respond with both grace and truth?
- Close by praying this prayer: Jesus - Help me to be full of grace and truth and to represent you well.