

Week 3

The Theology of Grace

1. We all know the story of the woman caught in adultery, but have you ever wondered what happened to the man and why he is not mentioned at all?
2. Have you ever had to confront someone caught in sin?
 - a. How did you react?
 - b. Would you say your reaction was more like the Pharisees or more like Jesus'?
 - c. If you chose not to react at all....why not?
3. Have you ever been the one caught in sin?
 - a. If so, how did you respond?
 - b. Was your response induced by the approach of the accuser?
4. Have you ever thought of sin as slavery?
5. Do you think if asked, would people outside the church say we (Christians as a whole) act more like Pharisees or more like Jesus because of the way they see us respond to sin?

Why do you think this way?

6. When Jesus was writing in the sand, do you think He was writing something specific, ignoring the Pharisees, stalling for time, or none of the above....and why?
7. When Jesus said, "He who is without sin cast the first stone", the accusers left one by one, beginning with the oldest. Do you think that their age had significance and why?
8. How do you think grace is displayed in this story? What did the woman do to earn grace?
9. Do you think that grace is a complete gift or is it something we have to continue earning?
10. In the story of Nathan confronting King David, King David's initial response was that of anger. After being told that the man Nathan spoke of was actually himself, King David had a change of heart. Have you ever been quick to cast judgment in anger and then realize that you too are guilty? If you could, would you change your response?