

Group Questions-

Messy Grace: No Exception Clause

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Getting to Know Me Questions:

- What type of person are you: Pepsi or Coke? Red tractors or green tractors?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What is something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, that was interesting etc.?
- Matthew 5:38-48 – Jesus gives these statements... “You have heard that it was said...But I tell you...”.
 - How did this go against what the audience knew according to the way of the law (Leviticus 24:19-20)?
 - Which of these statements that Jesus introduces about the way of God seem like “messy grace” to you? Why?
- When you hear Jesus' teaching to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”, what is your gut reaction?
- Does it seem reasonable to you that Jesus would say “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect”? Explain.
- Pastor Kirby said, “Love has no exception clause.” What exceptions do you find yourself wanting to make to Jesus' teaching about loving our enemies? (“Yeah, but...”)

Application Questions:

- When people look at your life, would it be easy for them to find Jesus based on how you treat people and love people?
- When you pray for those with whom you are in a bad relationship, what might that prayer sound like? Just saying their name?
- Try some of the prayers that Paul prayed in his letters: Ephesians 1:17-19a; Ephesians 3:16-19; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9b-12