

## The Scandal of Grace | Week 1

### Introduction

Welcome to Groups! This past weekend, our Lead Pastor Chad Moore continued our series *Grace Changes Everything*. We can't experience grace without the realization of truth. While grace sets us free in a myriad of ways, we can't receive it, or give it, until we understand what Grace means.

### Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- Let's get to know each other:
  - How long have you been attending Sun Valley?
  - What keeps you coming back?
- Share with the group something about yourself that is pretty awesome.
- What is a highlight from your summer?

### Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What challenged, impacted, or caught your attention from this weekend's sermon?

### [Watch the Video \(10 minutes\)](#)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [John 1:14 \(NIV\)](#)

### Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. Has there been a moment when you experienced grace from another person? How did that feel?
2. Read [John 8:1-11 \(NIV\)](#)
  - How does Jesus' response to the woman exemplify "grace and truth"?
  - How do you think you would have reacted if that was you?
3. Jesus is 100% Grace and 100% Truth. While Jesus is full of both Grace and Truth, most of us have one or the other that comes more naturally to us.
  - Is it easier for you to show grace or easier for you to share truth? Why?
  - It's not loving to show grace without truth, and truth without grace is like a clanging gong. Share a time when you showed grace without sharing truth, or a time when you told the truth without giving grace.
  - How does knowing that Jesus is 100/100 change your perspective on how to respond to others?
4. What is one area in your life where you can give more Grace?

- Encourage each other in this area throughout the week and be prepared to share next week how giving more Grace affected your mindset and relationship with others.

#### Prayer (5 minutes)

Have someone in the group close your group in prayer. You can use your own words or the words below:

*Heavenly Father, Thank you for your love, your Grace, and your Mercy. Lord, please train us to see others as you see them. Help us use truth as a light to guide us, and grace as a hand to hold the weary. Help us to be your disciples. We ask for your forgiveness. Lord, we might have failed to show grace to our neighbor. We might have used truth as a club rather than a bandage. Help us to refine these gifts you have given us, and speak with your voice. We pray for this in your name, Amen*

#### Announcements (5 minutes)

The Sun Valley Devotionals are an easy way to start the day with a focus on God. You can sign up for the devotionals by clicking this link: [Daily Devotional - Sun Valley Community Church](#). You will get an email in the morning with a link to watch the devotional!

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