

Paradox

Main Scripture: John 4:4-23

Additional Scriptures: John 1:14, Ephesians 2:7-8

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Pastor Mike introduced the concept of “amazing grace.” Discuss the concept of grace with the group. What about grace has amazed you?
 - Is grace hard for you to accept? Why or why not?
- The only pre-requisite for grace is knowing you’re broke! Share some of your testimonies and how this concept rang true in your initial experience with Jesus.
- **Read John 1:14.** Pastor Mike said that what humans really need is glory, which is a beautiful tension of grace and truth.
 - Where on the pendulum of grace and truth do you fall? Are you more prone to give grace or stand by the truth?
- In what aspects can giving too much grace be dangerous?
- In what aspects can giving too much truth be dangerous?
- If you lean towards grace, what are some practical ways you can balance that out with truth?
- If you lean towards truth, what are some practical ways you can balance that out with grace?
- **Read John 4:20-24.** Pastor Mike brought up that Jesus did not even approach the controversy that the woman threw at Him. Has this ever happened to you? Share some common controversies that unbelievers will try to throw at you and ways that you can deflect them as Jesus did in this passage.

Doing: Application

- This week, pray for God to show you opportunities to share the good news of the Gospel with someone where you are able to reveal both His grace *and* truth. Share your stories next week and see if anyone was able to lovingly deflect any of the controversies that unbelievers may have thrown your way!
- Pray this week about whether you are a hard liner for grace or truth. Ask God to really reveal ways that you can be more balanced with the two.