

Church Gone Wild – Big Love, Big Truth, Big Grace

Weekend Discussion Questions

October 25-26, 2014

Community:

1. Tell the group an embarrassing story about yourself...don't worry, everyone will be laughing at you, not with you.

Core:

1. Today we're going to look at one woman's most embarrassing moment, and how Jesus responded to her. But before we jump into that story, take some time to reflect on the current series: What themes of the series have really spoken into your life?
2. Jim said this week that: "The Church will always live in the tension between Grace and Truth." What do you think that means?
3. Read through the story of the woman brought before Jesus in John 8:1-11. How does Jesus demonstrate both grace and truth in this story?
4. What are a couple ways that you deal with the tension between giving grace and truth in your own life?
5. During the next few weeks, we will be talking a lot about love. How do you think our culture defines love? Give examples for your answer.
6. How does the Bible define love? Give examples for your answer.
7. Paul writes about love in 1 Corinthians 13. Read verses 1-3. How have you seen these verses to be true in your own life—give examples if you can.
8. Read verses 4-7. How have you recently experienced someone demonstrating one of these qualities toward you as a demonstration of love?
9. Now read verses 8-13. What do you think Paul is trying to say in verses 11-12?
10. Why do you think Paul says that love is greater than faith or hope?

Challenge:

1. Jim defined love as: "Love is the decision to provide a person with whatever is necessary for them to experience all that God has for them and to do whatever is necessary to protect them from anything that would interfere with the same." How have you experienced someone loving you that way? How have you loved someone else that way?
2. Jim said that as we talk about what the Bible says about love, sex, and marriage, it could be extremely challenging for us—what do you think could be challenging to you personally?
3. Who do you know in your life that could benefit from hearing what the Bible says about love? How could you invite them to church this week?