



ROUGH CROWD

Rough Crowd- Week 1

We're all aware of our own flaws, screw-ups, and bad decisions. Nobody's perfect—we all miss the mark. But God can do remarkable things with unexpected people. What could he do with a rough crowd like us?

Conversation Starter:

What is one unique talent or skill you have that would surprise most people?

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: In our culture do you think the church has a reputation for being known more for what we are for or what we are against. What are some examples?

- **Read John 8:3-11**

Question 2: We all tend to hide our shortcomings and hang-ups from others. How is this habit heightened within the context of most churches today?

Question 3: Often it's easier to look down on others than to look inward at ourselves. What are some reasons why we tend to focus on the faults of others rather than trying to fix what's wrong in our own lives?

Question 4: In the message, David said, *"It's not our job to judge others. You and I are personally responsible and accountable to the truth of Jesus."* What is the difference between making others feel guilty and sharing the truth? What are some ways we get that backwards?

- **[Watch Dan't Story]**

Question 5: What first personally attracted you to Jesus' unmerited favor and forgiveness?

Question 6: LCBC isn't a place where we all have our acts together. We are not a church that is going to cast stones because we're far from perfect people. How can living vulnerable, grace-filled lives change the way that people think about church, and ultimately Jesus?

Prayer:

Thank God for sending Jesus to reveal His heart for the rough crowd. Pray that the way we individually and collectively as a church would model God's love for those who are far from Him. Ask God to enable us to live authentic lives as we apply His truth to our own lives rather than trying to manipulate the way others live.

Bonus:

This week, think of someone who you may have written off as being too rough for God to reach. Take some time to pray for them and if the opportunity presents itself, invite them to a gathering over the next few weeks!