

Do You See What I See?

The Unsettling Solution For Just About Everything

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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

How do you think most people would finish the sentence, “The church is full of people who are _____”.

In his sermon, Pastor Chris said, “The church is most appealing when grace is most apparent.” What do you think needs to change in order for people to see the church as appealing? What part do you have to play in that change?

1. Read Matthew 7:3-5.

If you were explaining Jesus’ statement to someone who didn’t know Him, what would you say? In your own words, summarize His questions and His challenge.

What do you think are the most common ‘planks’ that keep people from seeing clearly? With which planks do you most closely identify?

What person or group of people is most difficult for you to extend grace to? Why? Does the sin of that person/people break your heart or disgust you? What’s the difference?

Jesus was full of grace and truth. What are you full of? What comes out of you when you are shaken up by a relationship or circumstance?

2. Read Romans 5:8.

Have you been tempted to believe that you had to have your act together before God would love you? How did that belief impact your life? What does Paul say about that mentality?

What does God’s demonstration of love for us teach us about our responses to others in the midst of their darkest/most sinful times?

In what situation or with whom do you most need to extend grace this holiday season? What will that look like for you?