

Grace Really is Amazing Part 5

1. Icebreaker: What is the best excuse you have ever given or received?
2. 'Grace means no amount of trying will make God love us more and no amount of sinning will make God love us less' does Grace give us an excuse to sin?
3. Have a look at Luke's account of the two criminals (Luke 23:32-33, 39-43) What is the difference in attitude between the two criminals? Why do you think Grace is only offered to one of the criminals?
4. Have a look at John's account of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11) the crowds saw the Pharisees as righteous and the woman as sinful - what does Jesus reveal (Romans 3:23)? What do you think he wrote in the sand?
5. In what way does Jesus say the woman should respond to his Grace (John 8:11)? Why does he say this?
6. Read Romans 6:1-4 Paul writes that we have died to sin, do feel this is true in your own life or do you associate more the African convert, who after being caught stealing blamed the theft on 'the grandfather in the bones'?
7. Why does Paul remind them of their baptism when talking about dying to sin?
8. Read Romans 6:11 - why do you think Paul uses the word consider (or count)?
9. Read Romans 6:13-16 In what way do we offer parts of ourselves as instruments (or weapons) of wickedness/righteousness?
10. Paul is suggesting that we used to be slaves to sin, do you recognise any sinful behaviours that have had mastery over your life? How did they keep a hold of you?
11. Dan said "God will forgive us when we mess up, but if we allow sin to rule in our lives we may not be interested in his forgiveness" Do you agree? do you know anyone like this?