



Part 1 | Come As You Are

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you felt judged by someone else. How did that experience impact you?
2. What most prevents people from experiencing grace? In other words, what prevents people from feeling perfectly acceptable to God and pulled in close, no matter what?
3. Why do you think people long to feel accepted?
4. Read **Romans 7:15 & 19**.
Have you ever felt this cycle the apostle Paul describes? How did that feel? What do you think caused it?
5. Read **Romans 8:1-6**.
How does God's promise to not condemn help us grow?
6. Which is a more common experience for you? A Romans 7 experience or a Romans 8 experience? Why?
7. Read **Ephesians 2:1-5**.
What do you learn about all people from these verses? What encourages you from these verses? If these verses are true, why do you think Christians gravitate toward judging others?

Moving Forward

1. Why is a culture of grace (acceptance) so important for a church? A small group? A family?
2. What fears or concerns do you have about creating a culture of grace (acceptance)? What encourages you about a culture of grace (acceptance)?
3. How can a culture of grace be cultivated in a family, group, or church?
4. What personal adjustments do you need to make this week in order to reflect the grace of God to those around you?