

CULTURE CLASH

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Grace or Truth
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We live in a culture that has become increasingly polarized on social issues. Watch the news, read a paper, or scroll through your social media feed and you will soon realize that there's a lot of people who disagree with each other. Some of that stems from the fact that our culture often pits two things against one another that are both true. Culture says it's this OR that, when really it's more this AND that.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Most people tend to tip towards either truth or grace. When people look at you, do you think they see someone who tends to judge and be critical or someone who replaces truth with tolerance and is soft on sin? Would you agree with how other people view you?
2. Jesus calls us to be full of truth AND grace. The early church loved people and was full of grace, but they also spoke the truth about Christ. Why is it important to have a balance of truth and grace?
3. Read John 8:32. How does truth with grace free people? Now read Matthew 23:1-4. How does truth without grace crush people?
4. Read Jude 1:3-4. How willing are you to defend the truth? Are you willing to stand up and risk some disagreement with someone to do so? How would you respond if someone said they can live a sinful life because God grants forgiveness?

CHALLENGE

This week, ask a close friend if they are more likely to see truth or grace from you. What can you start doing so that you can become full of truth AND grace?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**