



## Part I: Undeserved

### Sermon Big Idea

There is an unsettling solution for just about everything, and we can sum it up in one word—grace. It's the undeserved, unearned, unearnable favour that Jesus came to offer us. So why wouldn't we want Christianity to be true? And where should you start if grace was never part of the equation for you?

### Discussion Questions

1. When we find something attractive, we want it to be true. Why do you think many people have trouble seeing Jesus/Christianity as attractive?
2. Has your experience with Christianity been more focused on grace or truth? How did that focus affect your view of Jesus? How did it affect your view of yourself?
3. Read **John 1:14**: Grace can only be experienced in the context of a relationship. Why was Jesus coming to earth an essential part of God's plan to give us grace?
4. What is the difference between keeping a balance of grace and truth and being full of grace and truth? Do you find yourself trying to keep the two in balance? How's it going?
5. Jesus never watered down the truth or turned down the grace. Which way do you tend to lean when confronted with someone else's sin?
6. Read **Matthew 9:9-13**. Why is Jesus' response to the Pharisee's question so profound? How does it change things for us when we realize that Jesus is the 'doctor' who has come to heal.
7. Grace is an invitation that says, "I know all about you, the good and the bad, and I love you anyway. Follow me and I will lead you away from your life of sin." If you've never seen grace for what it really is, what would it look like for you to accept this invitation?

"When we're on the receiving end, grace is extraordinarily refreshing  
When Grace is required of us, it's extraordinarily disturbing." - Andy Stanley

### Scripture Passages

#### John 1:1 & 14

John begins his gospel with the prologue, setting up the story he is about to tell about Jesus.

#### Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus calls Matthew to follow him as a disciple, and goes to a party at Matthew's house.

#### John 8:1-11

The Pharisees bring a woman caught in the act of adultery to Jesus at the temple steps.