



Part 2: Don't Do The Math

Sermon Big Idea

We all need grace. Every one of us has done something to make us 'un-right' with God. But no matter how much we try to balance the equation ourselves, we can't get there. God's grace is unearnable.

But because of God's grace and what Jesus has done, salvation solves the equation not by balancing it, but by tipping the whole thing overwhelmingly in God's direction.

Discussion Questions

1. Imagine it is games night and you're playing a board game or card game with some friends, and someone breaks the rules of the game to get an advantage. What's your reaction? Are you the Judge? the Peacemaker? or the Eye-Roller?
2. Has there ever been a moment where you know you messed up, and wanted everyone else to pretend it didn't happen? Has anyone ever asked for that kind of grace from you? Why is it so unsettling to give that kind of grace to someone else?
3. Read **Luke 19:1-7**. How do you think Zacchaeus felt when Jesus picked him out of the crowd? What can we learn about Jesus from this?
4. Read **Matthew 20:1-16**. What does this parable teach us about Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven? Why do we find this unsettling?
5. Read **John 14:1-7**. Why do we often see verse six as a statement of exclusion when it is really a statement of inclusion? How do we see both all Grace and all Truth present in this declaration?
6. Jesus invites us to see the world differently, to see that **Grace is better than Fair**. Do you have a more difficult time giving grace, receiving grace, or admitting that you need grace?
7. God wants to give his grace not just to you, but to every person you meet. How does it change your perspective when you remember that **Grace is better than Fair**?

Scripture Passages

John 1:14

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

Luke 19:1-5

Jesus arrives in Jericho and encounters the chief tax collector, Zacchaeus, and invites himself to dine with Zacchaeus.

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard.

John 14:6

Jesus tells his disciples that he is the only path to God.