

Sermon Discussion Guide Caught in Sin - Tim Knipp 3/3/2024

Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.
- Could you share a story with us about when you received grace and mercy?
- What is your favorite story (biblical or not) where grace/mercy is shown?

Book - Scripture

 Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand what the text is saying:

Read John 7:53 - 8:11 and Exodus 31:18

- What are your feelings with regard to the footnote about this passage in John?
 - What are your thoughts about there being a field of study that looks to get to the original text in scripture?
- What sticks out to you from this passage?
- Tim noted that there is a lot of speculation around what (content) Jesus is writing, but what do you notice about what (action) he is doing?
 - How might this be a reflection of Jesus' desire to move us towards true justice and righteousness?
- What impacts you in Jesus' response?

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
 - Where are the places in our culture of shame?
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- Where are the places in our culture of absence in the face of responsibility?
- How do you imagine Jesus would move in these spaces?
- What does receiving grace

Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- What does it look like for us to pay attention to how God is still working in History?
- Where might Jesus be inviting us to have light shine on our sin and receive grace?
 - What might that look like for us?
- Where might Jesus be inviting us to be vehicles of grace in history?
 - What might that look like for us?
- Where are the places of curiosity for us coming from this passage?

Time of Prayer