



Jesus People | Doug Wekenman| 6.27.21  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**Have you ever been mistaken for someone famous?**

SHARE

Welcome to another week of Yard Sale! This summer, we are switching it up; like a yard sale, you never know what topic you are going to get each week. But before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

**Rate your week on a scale of one to ten? Why did you pick that number?**

**What was the most challenging part of your week? What was the highlight of your week?**

**What is one thing you feel like God is showing you in your walk with him lately?**

GROW

**Read Luke 18:9-14**

**Which character in this story do you resonate with more? Why do you think that is?**

**If someone asked you to describe the moral of this story in your own words, what would you say?**

This week, Doug reminded us what it means to be Jesus people. In order to tell other people about the Gospel, we first have to understand it ourselves. In the passage you just read, the Pharisee misses the point. He thinks he is justified because of his good behaviors, but instead, it's the tax collector who is humble enough to admit he needs a Savior who finds what he is looking for.

Jesus is telling this story to help illustrate the beauty of the Gospel. Grace isn't something we earn or deserve; it is a free gift that God gives us!

The same is true for us. Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross so that we can go free. The more we realize and acknowledge that, the more we will step into freedom and live the life God is calling us to live!

**Do you believe that God loves you? Do you ever find it hard to believe that Jesus actually died for you? Why or why not?**

M O V E

**Read Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Which verse stuck out to you in this passage? Why?**

The passage you just read is one of the clearest pictures of the Gospel. According to Paul, there is no amount of works that you need to do to be saved or considered a good Christian. The Good News is better than that. We are saved by grace through faith, so you can trust and rest knowing that God loves you because he loves you, and there is nothing you can do or not do to change his mind.

**Have you ever tried to get on "God's good side" by doing works?**

While works don't lead to grace, it does not mean that they are not in vain. If we are here to glorify God, it's important that we use our gifts! God doesn't grade on a curve. We don't have

to worry if our work is enough, but we are freed up to step into our calling and get to work. When we begin to understand the beautiful union between grace and truth, we will be able to work without worrying about whether or not it's enough.

**How can you start living in a balance where you can be grateful and appreciate God's grace and work without expecting an award?**

**Do you tend to error more on the side of grace or truth? Why do you think that is?**

**What is one practical step you can take to be a person of the Gospel this week?**

#### P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

#### T O G O

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. - Ephesians 2:8*