



Week 6:

It's All About Grace
Luke 7:36–50

OPEN

This is the sixth week in our series called “Unfit.” In this series, we are looking at how God continues to invite unlikely, undeserving, and UNFIT people to play a part in what He is doing in this world. **As you trace God’s story throughout the Scriptures, you meet a long list of broken and imperfect people whom God includes in His perfect plan.** From a human perspective, Abraham was too old, Jacob was dishonest, Moses and David were murderers, Elijah and Jeremiah were suicidal, the warrior Gideon was a coward, Rahab and Tamar were prostitutes, Jonah was disobedient, the disciples abandoned Jesus, Peter denied Christ, and Paul persecuted the Church. Despite their imperfections, God invited them into a story much bigger than their own. God could have told His story in any way but chose broken people who he redeemed to share His message of redemption to the world. This is good news for all of us. This week we see that it is all about God's grace at work in our lives.

READ

- **Read Luke 7:36-50.**
 - What stands out to you most in this encounter?
 - How does the response of the woman to Jesus demonstrate a greater understanding of grace than that of the Pharisee?
- **Read Luke 18:9-14.** What similarities do you see between the Pharisee in this parable and the one Jesus meets in Luke 7:36-50? What is Jesus trying to communicate through this parable?
- **Read Ephesians 2:1-10, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Titus 2:11-4, Hebrews 4:15-16.** What do these verses teach us about the importance of grace and the role it plays in the Christian life?

REFLECT

- What is grace? How would you define it?
- We learn about grace through God’s gracious character. Click on this link to watch a short video on the gracious character of God.
https://youtu.be/ABPVVw_aw44
- After watching the video what is one thing you learned about grace? How has God shown his grace towards people?



GRACE IS CHRISTIANITY'S BEST GIFT TO THE WORLD.”
—PHILIP YANCEY

- Reflect on the above statement by Philip Yancey. Do you agree? How does the concept of grace make the message of Jesus so unique?
- How would you describe your understanding and experience of God's grace in your life right now? To what extent is that different than when you first encountered Jesus?
- How have you seen pride keep you from experiencing God’s grace or extending God's grace to others?
- Think back to the two passages in Luke we read earlier where Jesus’ demonstrations of grace was missed by the Pharisees.
 - How do those examples of grace challenge or convict you in your treatment towards others?
 - In what ways do you need to extend God’s grace more to others in your life? Who might you be withholding grace from?
 - How could you extend God’s grace more this week?

PRAY

- What can you do this week to cultivate a greater awareness of God's grace in your life and to fuel your love and passion for Jesus?
- Who is one person you need God’s grace for more in your life? Pray for them now and this week.
- Pray for one another. Please continue to pray for the Board of Elders, Staff, and leaders as we discern the the Holy Spirit’s leading during this time of transition.

