

Messy Grace Session 1: Love Viewer Guide

1. What did the video teach you about love?
2. In the video, Caleb shared how at LGBT pride parades where he marched, there were Christians with signs that read, “God hates you.” How do you feel about that kind of portrayal of Christians?
3. Jackie says, “You tell me you love me,” but your actions don’t show it. Compare Jackie’s story to how we treat other people.
4. What emotions do you think the woman experienced as she was dragged through town?
5. This woman was caught in adultery. In that society this was seen as an intolerable sin. How is the LGBT community often treated and viewed as the adulterous woman of our culture?
6. Other than the LGBT community, what kind of people or sins does our society label as scandalous?
7. Why do you think we tend to rank people and their sin? Why are we okay with some sins, but treat other sins so harshly?
8. How do you tend to react to people who are very different than you or whose sins are unbearable to you?
9. How does Jesus’ reaction to the adulterous woman challenge you when it comes to the treatment of the LGBT community?

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10. How does Jesus live in the tension of grace and truth by the way he handles the woman's sin? Why is this important to our understanding of God?
11. Michael says, "We must hold the truth of God's word alongside his mercy." Do you lean more towards truth or grace? How does this impact your view on God?
12. Who do you think Luke, the writer of Acts, means by "for all who are far off"? How does this verse challenge your biases toward the LGBT community? How does it challenge your biases to others who are different from you?
13. We often view God as a judge, however the scriptures paint a picture of God as a loving father. How does viewing God as a loving father help us understand how he can love those who are really "far off"?
14. According to these verses, what leads to our grasping of God's love? What does it mean to you to be "rooted and established" in love?
15. How does experiencing God's love help us be more accepting of people who are really "far off"? Does it affect your desire for them to grow closer to God?