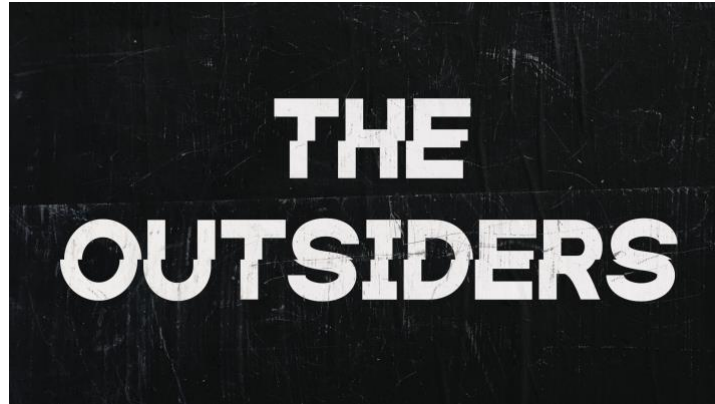


SERIES DISCUSSION GUIDE



THE OUTSIDERS
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MESSAGE RECAP

In week two of *The Outsiders*, Chad unpacked one of the most important tensions in our relationships and in the Christian life: Jesus came full of grace and truth (John 1:14). Grace is what saves us, the unearned and undeserved kindness of God toward us, while truth is what sets us free. Jesus doesn't pick one or the other; He embodies both, fully.

We won't do this perfectly, but as we grow in our faith, we should mature in both. Chad challenged us to start setting tables like Jesus did. To prioritize relationship before conviction and do the hard work of building trust. Trust opens the door to truth, and truth, when received in love, leads to freedom.

WARM-UP QUESTION

- If you could have dinner with anyone—past or present—who would you invite, and what would you want to ask them?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness or gave you more grace than you deserved? (*Think teacher, friend, coworker, barista, etc.*)
2. Read John 1:9-14. What does this passage say Jesus came full of?
 - When you think about grace (kindness, empathy) and truth (honesty, clarity), which one comes more naturally to you? Why do you think that is?
 - How should these two work together in healthy relationships? (*It's not a 50/50 balance. Jesus brought both fully, all the time.*)

3. In your current relationships, what have you noticed about how you handle grace and truth?
4. Read Ephesians 2:1-9. Paul reminds us we were saved by grace, not by merit or performance.
 - How does remembering your own story of grace change the way you see people who don't believe or behave like you?
 - Chad said our approach to the world should be marked by humility and empathy, not pride or judgment. What's one relationship or situation this week where you could practice that?
5. Read John 8:1-11.
 - What stands out about Jesus' response, especially His restraint, posture, and timing?
 - Where in the story do you see His restraint (*He doesn't react right away*) and His posture (*He kneels instead of towering over her*)?
 - When does Jesus step in to protect the woman (*publicly defends*)? When does He speak truth or call her to change (*privately*)?
 - Who from the crowd left first, and why does that matter? (*The older ones left first. Life experience often deepens our awareness of our own need for grace, either by what we've done or not done.*)
 - Read Lamentation 3:22-23. How do you see this verse come alive in the story? (*At dawn, when Jesus came to teach, this woman experienced mercy and faithfulness firsthand.*)
6. Think of a time someone corrected you *with* kindness. What made it easier to receive – or harder?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

7. Jesus ends the story by saying, "Go and sin no more." Jesus saves the woman in adultery by grace but He also gives her a template on what living in freedom looks like.
 - What's one area where you sense God inviting you to freedom; not just forgiveness?
8. Read John 8 slowly this week and journal:
 - Where do I need grace? Where do I need truth?

CLOSING PRAYER

Your closing prayer can include:

1. **Gratitude** – *Jesus, thank you for being full of grace and truth.*
2. **Acknowledgment of new insights** – *We are grateful for the wisdom You have given us today. Help it take root in our hearts and shape how we live this week. Amem.*

LEADERS

Baptism will be on Sunday, October 19 after all services. Encourage people to sign up (rpc.me/baptism or westend.me/baptism) and plan to come and support them! Baptism is a great next step of obedience for someone to take to grow their relationship with Christ. You don't have to be a member of RPC|WE to be baptized.