

AMPERS & ND

NAVIGATING THE TENSION
BETWEEN THIS & THAT

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Pr'me
Groups

Discussion
Gu'de

"GRACE & TRUTH"

03/19/23

SENSITIVITY NAVIGATES THE TENSION BETWEEN
EXTENDING GRACE & SPEAKING TRUTH

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week (but save your prayer requests for the END of Pr'me)?
[Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
**Sensitivity Navigates the Tension Between
Extending Grace & Speaking Truth**
- This Week's Object Lesson:
a chef tasting food and deciding on more salt or pepper
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: John 8:3-11
*"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared.
"Go now and leave your life of sin."* (v. 11, NIV)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Share a time when you had food that was too salty or too spicy.
- Before we get into today's content, we need to define our terms:
 - How do you define "extending grace"? What does this look like?
 - How do you define "speaking truth"? What does this look like?
- This series is about navigating tensions between two things that *seem* to contradict each other. It's not one OR the other, it's &!
- Read these passages and explain how each teaches that topic:
 - Extending Grace:
 - John 1:14-17*
 - Romans 10:3-4
 - Luke 23:40-43
 - Luke 15:20-24
 - Romans 5:20-6:2*
 - Speaking Truth:
 - *John 1:14-17
 - Ephesians 4:14-15
 - 1 John 1:8
 - Luke 19:5-10
 - *Romans 5:20-6:2
- When have you seen "extending grace" misused?
- When have you seen "speaking truth" misused?
- For each sensitivity below, 1) answer the question; then share a situation/example when 2) grace would be better; 3) truth would be better:
 - Consider the Relationship – Proverbs 27:6
 - How does our relationship w/ someone affect the grace/truth tension?
 - Consider the Person – Luke 12:47-48
 - In what ways does a person's background affect this tension?
 - Consider the Response – Luke 7:36-39, 44-48
 - What do we mean by "response"? What was this woman's response?
 - Consider Your Emotions – Ephesians 4:25-27
 - How can our emotions affect our judgment?
- Which of the 4 above do you tend to overlook most in this tension?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

Read **John 3:8-11** and explore how Jesus demonstrated sensitivity in each* of these areas. How did He *Consider the Relationship, the Person, and the Response*?
*since Jesus is God, His emotions are always accurate