

Free-be

Too good to be true?

2. Innocent

Introduction:

Justice is getting what we deserve. Mercy is not getting what we deserve. Grace is getting what we don't deserve. We are guilty because we all think, say and do things we know we shouldn't think, say or do. Yet Jesus has made it possible for us to be declared not guilty, but innocent!

Questions:

- Can you think of a time when you experienced Justice – when you received what you deserved?
- Can you think of a time when you experienced Mercy – when you didn't receive what you deserve?
- Are you innocent or guilty? Have you ever thought, said or done something you know you shouldn't have thought, said or done?
- Read Luke 7:36-48
- What do you think are the main differences between the Pharisee and the sinful woman before their encounter with Jesus? Are they innocent or guilty?
- What do you think of the woman's actions towards Jesus? Why do you think she would go to such lengths to show Jesus this level of appreciation?
- What do you think of Jesus' statement in verse 47? How do you think the woman felt about this? What do you think Simon the Pharisee thought about this?
- If Grace is getting what we don't deserve, what is the grace that this woman receives from Jesus?
- During the message Chris said 'We can be declared innocent or guilty, it's our choice.' What is your understanding of how you can be declared innocent? What have you done about this?

Moving Forward:

Justice is getting what we deserve. Mercy is not getting what we deserve. Grace is getting what we don't deserve. Grace is that we are declared innocent in God's sight, even though we are guilty. We don't deserve it, but Jesus offers it to us freely.