

“God wants to give u a 2 chance”

Series: “*Tweets you can live by*”

(Part 1 of 4)

Open: When it comes to communication I prefer to: **a)** send a text, **b)** make a call, or **c)** speak face to face?

Explore: Read John 21:1-17.

God is all about second chances. Before the crucifixion, Jesus told his disciples how he would die. He also explained that all of them would fall away. Peter boasted, “*Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.*” Peter did deny Christ, not once but three times.

1. What familiar activity did the disciples do together after Jesus’ death (vs. 1-3)? How many fish did they catch that night?
2. What familiar miracle did Jesus perform (vs. 4-6)?
3. Who recognized Jesus was the man standing on the sea shore (vs. 7-11)? How did Peter respond?
4. What did Jesus ask Peter three times (vs. 15-17)? What things did Jesus tell Peter to do? What does this teach us about the grace of God?

Reflect: Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. Describe a time when you experienced a second chance from another person (maybe a parent / friend / boss / your spouse).
2. How does the promise of being purified from all sin make you feel? Why do you think it’s so hard for people to believe that God wants to give them a second chance in life?
3. Read 1 John 1:7. How does community and fellowship with other believers play into receiving God’s forgiveness?
4. How has your life been transformed since getting a second chance from God? How have you used your second chance for God’s glory?
5. Because God has been gracious to us we should be quick to be gracious with others. Are there times or people in your life when extending grace can be difficult? Is there someone you need to give grace to this week?

Live:

As a group: Break into sub-groups (men / women). How are you doing at receiving God’s grace? Are you carrying any guilt and shame, or are you accepting God’s promise of forgiveness? Take a moment to remind one another that God’s love is big and that He has already paid the penalty for our sin.

On your own: 1 John reminds us that all of us sin, and we must confess that sin to God. We don’t confess our sin because God doesn’t know what we’ve done; we do so in order to receive His grace. Spend a few minutes in self-reflection. Confess any sin that God reveals. Then, accept His forgiveness.

Listening Guide Notes

^[5] “*This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.* ^[6] *If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.* ^[7] *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.* ^[8] *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.* ^[9] *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* ^[10] *If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.” -1 John 1:5-10 (NIV)*

Why is this so hard to understand?

Grace doesn’t make sense.

“...*the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*”
-1 John 1:7b (NIV)

What do you do with a second chance?

1. Use it for God’s glory.
2. Give it to someone else.

^[32] “*Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.* ^[33] *Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’* ^[34] *In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.* ^[35] *‘This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.’”*

-Matthew 18:32-35 (NIV)