



Uncomfortable wk3: Uncomfortable Truth

Introduction: There are some really difficult things in the Bible. If we are honest, there are probably some things we wish weren't in there (stories of killing every man/woman/child, kidnapping girls for wives, you get the idea). But if we never engage the difficult subjects or doctrines in the faith, we are left with a faith that is pretty weak. What happens when we engage uncomfortable truths in humility and obedience?

Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of a passage or a topic that you wish wasn't in the Bible? Can you think of any particular criticisms about Christianity or the Bible that seem really difficult to reconcile? What do you do if someone brings up a difficult Biblical subject?
2. **Read John 8:34-36, Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23** How can identifying as a sinner be hard? Are there levels of sin or sinner? Why is the idea that someone who has murdered has the same label as someone who lied on their taxes offensive or harsh?
3. How do you answer someone who asks why Jesus had to die on the cross? If God can do anything, why can't he "just forgive" without Jesus' death on a cross?
4. **Read John 14:6 & Acts 4:12** Why do many people think these statements about Jesus are offensive? If Jesus is the only way to God or way to be saved, then why are so many of us hesitant to talk about that? Is there a way to talk about that without turning people off?
5. In the sermon, Jeremy shared a story about a film where a woman struggled with the concept of grace being available to her son's killer. How is grace sometimes scandalous and hard for us? What do you think about the idea that the offer of grace and forgiveness is open to what we consider the "worst of the worst?"
6. Why is it important to engage in difficult truths in scripture? If you have a question about a hard truth, how do you find a satisfactory answer?

Shaping Your Mind – *...everyone who sins is a slave to sin...if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:34,36*

Moving Forward – *We can say that we are more wicked than we ever dared believe, but more loved and accepted in Christ than we ever dared hope — at the very same time. — Tim Keller*