

see why...god accepts us

(week 3)

explore...

- 1) From last week's study, what did Jesus do and why does it matter?
- 2) Imagine that you were God, and had to decide who would be allowed into heaven. How would you choose who was let in?

Read Mark 10: 17-22

- 3) Why does the rich young man think that Jesus should accept him?
- 4) With what kind of attitude does the man approach Jesus?
- 5) Why is he mistaken?
- 6) Why does Jesus ask the rich young man to sell everything he has?

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- Most people think that God will accept them because of things that they have or haven't done.
- The bible tells us that God accepts us not because of anything *we've* done, but because of what *he* has done through Jesus.
- We cannot earn his forgiveness and we do not deserve it, but God accepts us when we have faith in Jesus.
- And that's grace: God treating us in a way we do not deserve because of what Jesus has done.

talkback...

- 7) Get into pairs and pretend that one of you has never heard about grace. Have a go at explaining what grace is and then swap over and give the other person a go.
- 8) Imagine you will have to face God tonight. How would you answer the question 'why should I let you into heaven'?
- 9) Think about your friends who don't know Jesus. Write down some ways of sharing the news of God's grace with them this week.