

## DOES GOD GIVE PEOPLE WHAT THEY DESERVE?

### GET TALKING

Share a time in your life where you did not get what you feel you deserved, good or bad.

### MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- World System: work hard = good things
  - Church System: get God = good things
  - Jesus: no system but relationship
- We are invited:**
- Into relationship
  - To live by grace

### DIG IN

- Have you ever wondered why good things happen to bad people, and why bad things happen to good people? When you witness this, how do you feel? Does it cause you to wonder about God or faith?

### Read Mark 10:17-22

- Read the account of the rich young ruler out loud. What stands out to you? What is the definition of good?
- Because He loved the rich young ruler, Jesus threw out a challenge. What was Jesus **really** calling him into?
- Many times our system of belief is based around cause and effect. That is, things happen as a punishment. What does Jesus say to this belief in John 9:1-3?
- When we look at cause and effect we end up in believing a “World System” (work hard=good things) or a “Church System” (get God= good things). Which one of these have you struggled with the most? How has it affected your faith?
- What does it look like to move from living under these systems and moving to the truth of Jesus who is not a system but a relationship? How do you deal with pain or loss or disappointment in relationship? What needs to change in your thinking or belief system?

**BIG IDEA:** God’s grace frees us from the system of deserving.

### NEXT STEPS

How do we break through when we feel like breaking faith! When we are disappointed, confused or hurt by the circumstances around us – we turn to Jesus, the one who paid the price for us to be in relationship with Him, to break through. How can you make a relationship with Jesus a priority this week?

### Prayer

Jesus, Help us to keep our eyes on you as we walk through the circumstances of this life.