Unlocking genius - Week 4 - Grace - "How to show Grace under pressure"

Getting started

What makes you feel under pressure? What is the biggest pressure you've been under?

Getting stuck in

- What comes to your mind when you hear the word 'Grace'?
- How different do you think grace is from forgiveness?
- The transferable genius of Jesus was his grace towards people. Can you think of some examples of this in the Bible?

Read John 8 v. 1 - 11

Questions:

- Think about a time where you were "caught with your hand in the cookie jar" when you were exposed for others to see. How did you feel? What did you want more than anything at that moment? What happened?
- Which is harder for you to do to Show Grace or to receive Grace? Why?
- After Jesus springs the trap in verse 7, why do you think the Pharisees and teachers leave rather than stone the woman? What would the woman guilty of adultery have felt?
- What is the significance of Jesus' question to the woman in verse 10? What was Jesus' attitude toward her? Was he condoning the woman's wrong by not condemning her in verse 11?
- How does the way Jesus treated this woman help you face some of the things you struggle with? Jesus meets us where we are. Does that free us to change? Why?
- What can you learn from Jesus about showing grace to those around us?

'If God who has every right to find us guilty, refuses to do so, how can we not forgive one another?' - Erwin McManus.

• What does this quote mean do you think?

Finish by praying for one another, who needs the Grace of Jesus in their life right now? Who do you know who needs this Grace? Pray for people who don't know Jesus....

Going deeper

- 1. Have you ever been quick to judge another person?
- 2. Is it sometimes easier to find fault with others than to look within ourselves?
- 3. When have you been given a new start?