



Deep and Wide: Week 2

¹⁴I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.
Philippians 3:14



Start Talking:

- Would you feel more like an outsider at an opera, a tractor pull, or a _____? Why?

Start Sharing

- Tell a story about when you were the “new kid” (or adult).

Read

Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisee’s pride separated him from other people . . . and from God.

- Do prideful people tend to be judgmental? Why?
- What is it about humble people that tends to attract us to them?
- What impact do pride and humility have on a church’s ability to reach outsiders? Keep insiders?

John 8:3-11 Jesus extends grace to a woman guilty of adultery.

- Grace is one of the most difficult truths of Christianity to fully grasp. Why?
- Is grace fair? Do justice and grace conflict with one another? Did Jesus condone the woman’s sin?
- It has been said that grace is costly to the one who gives it. How is that so?

Matthew 15:1-9 The Pharisees were more intent on preserving their traditions than in obeying God.

- Can you identify some church traditions that serve as obstacles to outsiders coming to Christ?
- What “traditions” does BCC have? Can a “tradition” be welcoming? How?
- What is it about BCC that you would like to preserve? Could that become an obstacle? How?

Start Doing:

We heard that each of us is perfectly placed to reach people far from God in our stream of influence. What can you do to be intentional about investing in those that are far from God and inviting them to sit with you at a weekend service?

**Don't let the conversation stop. Keep talking it over with others in a GROUP.
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