

Things

Jesus

Never

Said

You Get What You Deserve

Readings: Acts 5:12-16 | Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 | Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

Focal Point

The idea that you should get what you deserve is pretty popular—probably because it seems fair in many situations. It seems normal. However, Jesus never said, “You get what you deserve.” Jesus gives us mercy and grace.

Scripture

Read aloud from the Gospel of John. Then read aloud two more times.

Ask the group what words or phrases jump out at them and why.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the idea of getting what you deserve is so popular?
2. Describe a time when someone could have given you what you deserved, but they gave you grace instead.
3. What are some reasons it can be difficult for us to receive mercy and grace from others or from Jesus?
4. How can we show Jesus' love to others— to our family, friends, and those in our community?

Application

God is always pursuing us. He never gives up on us. All we need to do is turn to him and receive His love, mercy and grace. Look for moments when you could receive or give mercy to bring about the presence of God.

