

John 3:9-15

The Goodness of Grace

1) Opening Statements – v. 1-3

2) Confrontation & Clarification – v. 4-8

Why is this so hard for us?

1. Not accepting the human condition: _____
 - Spiritually dead – Eph 2:1, 4:17-19, Rom 5:12
 - Enslaved to sin – Rom 6:6, 7:5, 8:8

2. Somehow this is just not fair / just / right...
 - All because of _____

 - God is not _____

3) Rejection & Rebuke – v. 9-13

- a) Nicodemus – v. 9
- b) Jesus – v. 10-13

4) Grace upon Grace – v. 14-15

Numbers 21:4-9

Praxis

1. What are some things that characterize Jesus' approach with Nicodemus?
2. How can we emulate some of this as we discuss the "challenging truths" of Scripture with others?
3. How many parallels do you find between Jesus and the bronze serpent of Moses?
What are the differences (might also find where else this bronze serpent shows up in Scripture)...?
4. Thought Question: Why was this account from Numbers 21:4-9 particularly appropriate to Nicodemus...?