

Week 2: How do I find acceptance?

Learning Outcomes:

Identify the difference between fitting in and being accepted

Reflect on the desire to be really known and still accepted

Consider what being truly accepted would mean in their own life



Discussion

Explore with students the forms of social media they engage with:

- ? What forms of social media do you use most often?
- ? What do you most like about the different forms of social media?
- ? What do you see your friends most often posting publicly?
- ? Why do people only post the best version of themselves?



Video series

Play video 'How do I find acceptance?' via www.moretothestory.net/lesson-2



Reflection:

Students to reflect on the video

- ? What was most interesting?
- ? What do you think is different between fitting in and being accepted?
- ? What would they like to know more about?

WRAP UP QUESTION FOR REFLECTION



If there was a God who could really know you and truly accept you, what would it mean for you?

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INVESTIGATIVE BIBLE STUDY – Jesus & the woman at the well

- Goal: Show how Jesus fully knew and truly accepted people.
- Context for students: Samaritans were looked down upon by others.
- **Read John 4:1-30**
 1. Other than drinking water what might people do at a well? (4:1-7)
It was a meeting place. Like a drink fountain at school. Meet, chat and drink.
 2. What water do you think Jesus was speaking about that leaves people never thirsty? (4:13-15)
Jesus was referring to himself. It's something he offers.
 3. Why did the woman think Jesus was a prophet? (4:17-19)
He knew about her past history of relationships like only a mindreader could.
 4. How did the disciples feel about Jesus speaking with her? (4:27)
Surprised he'd talk to a woman. Culturally it wasn't acceptable. Stunned/disapproving of him speaking to a Samaritan.
 5. What does this story show us about Jesus?
Jesus knows everything we have ever thought or done but still accepts us.
 6. How is this story about Jesus similar/different to 'How do I find acceptance video?'
Both had characters who felt ashamed over things that had them rejected.