



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

## Big Idea

Pam Seaburg

God What does God think of you? Most of us think that God is mad at us. That would explain why many aren't inspired to get close to God. But nothing could be further from the truth! God is mad all right - He is madly in love with you! The proof of God's love is Jesus on the cross. God implores us to see Him in a new way. Pam Seaburg brings a message about seeing the beauty of Jesus in these three truths:

- My understanding of God determines my perspective of God.
- My perspective of God determines my position toward God.
- My position toward God determines my posture before God.

We need to stop seeing God one way (usually angry and mad) and seeing Jesus a different way (loving and forgiving). We may even need to stop seeing God as being angry at Jesus. We need to see God as Jesus. We need to see Jesus as God. Jesus is God and God is Jesus. We're going to have a hard time seeing the beauty of Jesus if we have a misunderstanding of God. Seeing the beauty of Jesus is seeing the cross of Jesus not only as the way for salvation but also the way for transformation. Transformation begins when we see Jesus, not only as useful, but beautiful.

## Discussion Questions

- If you were to draw the face of God what would He look like? The way you see God is how you think of God. Now think of how you would draw the face of Jesus; how would it be different from your drawing of the face of God?
- Pam Seaburg said, "*Seeing the beauty of Jesus is seeing the cross not only as the way for salvation but also the way for transformation. Transformation begins when we see Jesus, not only as useful, but beautiful.*" Check out Hebrews 6:1 and discuss this.
- Pam gave us these three truths about seeing the beauty of Jesus: **My understanding of God determines my perspective of God. My perspective of God determines my position toward God. My position toward God determines my posture before God.** Pick one and describe how this affects your life.

## Prayer Focus

This week, meditate on and think of the beauty of Jesus every day that you can thank God for and throughout your day, praise Him for who He is what He has done for you. Then, allow your understanding to shape

## Next Steps

Be intentional about encouraging the people around you. Speak life and hope into their areas of insecurity. Build their confidence in the endless capacity of the power of God within them as they see Jesus perhaps in a different way. Make the decision to be joyful, and find reasons to be grateful every day.

## Leader Tip

Discuss your Group's NEXT STEP as we extend our semester during this season and then connect with your Groups Coordinator.