

*The Christian understanding of grace helps dismantle the various injustices caused by all forms of privilege.*

This quote applies to my experience in today's class. When we broke out into small groups and discussed the question about which would be the most challenging as a counselor, and were listed with different choices, each choice gives us the opportunity as Christians to show grace. For example one choice was someone who doesn't believe in God and criticizes Christianity. Even though this may be a difficult situation to handle, as a Christian who does believe in God and loves Christianity, we should have the grace to deal with this person and meet them where they are. We should have the confidence to know that God will deal with them in their own time and hopefully we can be used powerfully in the mean time.

No one is perfect. And if there are many injustices caused by all forms of privileges, us Christians should be understanding and non judgmental and focus on the person rather than their sin. One of the choices was a Christian living in sin. If we are counseling a Christian living in sin, we are to show them the love of God and be their ear and other forms of support to them as much as the clinical role allows us to be. Grace is what we are shown by God, so who are we to show anyone anything other than that? We are not the judges.

I felt most comfortable when we were in the small groups discussing our topic question. I liked the group I was in and we learned from each other. I felt slightly uncomfortable when I realized I was the only one who gave a different answer in my group. This emotional information can transform me because it is ok to think differently than someone else and have a different perspective even if the majority have the same one. I felt at ease when some of my class mates said people have different opinions and perspectives and that's ok.