

Stealing Jesus – Part One

Weekend Discussion Questions

June 14-15, 2008

Community:

1. When you picture Jesus, what does He look like?
2. Did any pictures this weekend stand out to you?
3. What's your favorite song about Jesus?
4. What's the most ridiculous portrayal of Jesus you've ever seen?
5. Why do you think Jesus is the most represented person in art?

Core:

1. What do you think about the title of this series, "Stealing Jesus"? Why do you think Scott chose that title?
2. Scott said, "...it's precisely because of our presumed familiarity with Jesus that we fail to take Him seriously". Agree or disagree?
3. Why do you think our culture seems to be so infatuated with Jesus, but at the same time so divided about Him?
4. Scott said, "Too many people are speaking for Jesus and not enough are listening to Him". What does it mean to "listen to Jesus"?
5. Why do you think there are so many different opinions about who Jesus was and where He came from?
6. Read Luke 2:49-50. What does this say about who Jesus believed He came from? Why is this significant?
7. Read John 2:13-16. Did you know that Jesus did this twice and this was the first time? How would you describe Jesus' emotion in this story? What do we learn about Jesus in this story?
8. Read John chapter 7. In light of the background Scott shared this weekend what do we learn about Jesus through this story?
9. Why do you think Jesus said, "If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink"?
10. Who do you say that Jesus is?
11. Discuss this quote by CS Lewis together:
"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."
12. What did you learn about the real Jesus this week?

Challenge:

Read one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) over the next two weeks and e-mail your favorite story of Jesus and/or any questions you have about Jesus to jesus_questions@flatironschurch.com



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