

# Big Buts of the Bible–Plastic Surgery

Weekend Discussion Questions

September 20-21, 2008

## Community:

1. If you were able to receive an all expense paid cosmetic surgery would you be willing to go forward with the process?
2. If so, what would you change about your appearance?

## Core:

1. From your past understanding of the 10 Commandments why did you think God gave the Israelites these commands?
2. Jim stated, "...the reason that God gave the people the 10 Commandments years ago was not conditional for His love...but confirmation that He already loves them." Do you agree with this opinion? Why or why not?
3. God's goal for us is to have a better life...an abundant life. Why does it seem so many people in our society assume otherwise?
4. Read Matthew 5:33-36. The religious leaders of Jesus' day had come up with a grading system of vows with the end goal of finding a loophole that got them out of doing things (legalized lying). What might you find as a comparison to this system in our own world today?
5. From the above scripture we realized that Jesus is referring to the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment (Exodus 20:7). Jim translated this command into more simple terms – Don't leverage my name to accomplish something for you that I have no interest in accomplishing. Have you experienced people leveraging God's name to accomplish their own goals? What are some examples in your own life?
6. Read Matthew 21:12. What things or actions in the temple do you think really set Jesus off? Are there things in churches today that reflect the behaviors of the people in this story? What might they be?
7. By Jesus' response to these people in the temple what do you feel Jesus was trying to communicate? Could Jesus have handled this another way?
8. Let's be truthful, most of us have taken the word of God or the name and purpose of God not only to use it against other people but to rationalize or justify our own behavior. Are there times or examples of this in your own life? If so, what might they be?

## Challenge:

1. Jesus states in verse 37: Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. In other words be honest. Quit playing religious games to justify what you are doing. What areas of your own life would you acknowledge that you need God's help to quit playing religious games and be honest in?
2. Check out the blog for further study at [flatironschurch.com/blog](http://flatironschurch.com/blog)



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