



Are We There Yet?...“Scenic Route”

Attendee Questions

August 5th

Big Picture

We have a saying around here...a value that we call, Excellent Environments...meaning this...it is not our job to change people, fix people or save people...even if we wanted to, we can't...only God's Spirit can do that...but Jesus did give us the responsibility to create opportunities, occasions, environments where people can bump into Jesus hard. Excellent environments where we push aside all of the distractions and noise of life and do what Jesus said to do...shine a light on him...teach about how awesome he is...about the better life he offers...lift him up...and when we do that...HE will do the drawing and eventually, HE will be the one to ask...who do you say that I am? That's not our job. Our job is to create the space and the opportunities for him to do what only He can do.

Talk Amongst Yourselves

Jim said that the heart of God is unchanging...his passion is always the same...

1. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. He wants everyone to know his Son. How do you feel about people who hate Christianity and we go and demonstrate God's love to them?
2. Take care of the poor, the lost, the sick, the orphan and the refugee. How did the response to Jim challenge from last week affect you and what did that tell you about the heart of God and Flatirons Community Church?
3. How would you define what an “excellent environment” is?

4. What are some things that you can do as a group that can make an impact in your community?
Is there a family that you can help?
Is there a neighborhood that you can influence?
Is there an organization that you can volunteer some time for?
Is there a place that you can go to as a group to give Jesus a cup of water?

Finding Ourselves in the Story

Read Matthew 16:13-19 Page 681-682 FCC Bible

Jesus asked an important question by asking:

“Who do you say I am”?

What about you? Who do you say that Jesus is?

Think About It

Jim spoke about a conversation Jesus had with Peter and he told him that he would build his church upon this “rock”

And the result will be a community, a people, a church that will be attacked by the most formidable foes up to and including Hell itself...but a church that keeps focused on the main thing...will not only survive...but will prevail.

What are some things that we (you) can keep doing that will keep the main thing the main thing?

Make a Shift

Have you ever considered running after something significant in your life (for example following Jesus) with *more* people running after the same thing in an authentic community?

Closing Thought

If you never ended your group discussion by praying for one another, please consider taking this time to find out what the specific needs are of the people in your group and spend some time praying for one another.