

Two Deals – Our Response to Deal #2

Weekend Discussion Questions

November 5-6, 2011

Community:

1. What's your best traffic ticket story?
2. In general, are you a rule-follower, or a rule-breaker?

Core:

1. In Romans 5:10, Paul says that while we were "God's enemies," Christ's death reconciled us to Him. What makes us "God's enemy"? What does it mean for us to be reconciled to God?
2. What's the difference between thinking of grace as a "transaction" and believing that it is the restoration of a relationship? How would that difference look in everyday life?
3. Read Romans 6:1-4. What does Paul say is the purpose and meaning of baptism?
4. In Romans 6:5-7, Paul says that Christians have been "crucified" or died to our old selves. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Explain what it means for our old selves to have died and for us to be a new creation.
5. If you're a follower of Christ, how is your purpose in life different now than it was before you knew Him? How are your priorities different?
6. How would you explain the difference between being "saved by good works" and being "saved to do good works"? How does grace fit into each of those scenarios?
7. Think about the most important relationships in your life. What actions do you take consistently to maintain those relationships? How would that translate in your relationship with God?
8. Can you talk about places in your life where you consistently "mess up"? How does it affect your relationship with God?
9. In the midst of struggling with his sinful nature, Paul says he "delights in God's law." What does that mean to you? What are God's motives for the laws He lays out for us? How do His motives affect your response to His laws?
10. Are you able to ultimately rely on Jesus when you mess up? What do you know and understand about Jesus that would allow you to completely rely on him?

Challenge:

1. If you've decided to live your life following Jesus and have never been baptized, consider taking that step in one of the services on December 10-11. Check out www.flatironschurch.com/baptism for more information.



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Weekend Services | Sat 5:00 & 6:45pm | Sun 9:00 & 10:45am