

Review:

Lesson 1: Breaking Ground

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Lesson 5: Touching the Untouchables

Lesson 6: Amazement

For Whom are We Here?

Mark 2:13-17

Jesus would have been slow to judge someone based purely on a photo or a video or a tweet or a Facebook profile. As Christ followers, we should do the hard work of _____ before jumping to judgmental conclusions.

Discussion 1. Do you think our current culture makes it easier or harder to see beyond people's exterior and see them for who they really are? How can a church like ours do a better job of actually knowing people's hearts?

As Christ followers, the world will never be attracted to us because of our eloquence on social media nor our compelling opinions nor our persuasive arguments. People are attracted to Christians who _____ them and _____ them in ways they have never before been seen and loved.

Discussion 2. For you, what kinds of "surface" or "exterior" things in people are hardest for you to get past? How do you get past them? How do you learn to see a person's heart as opposed to their exterior behavior?

The reality of a broken world is that sin defiles everything and everyone it touches. The reality of _____ is that Jesus' blood makes everything it touches righteous. Don't miss just how much of a change Jesus makes.

Discussion 3. Christ followers have been forgiven and made righteous in God's eyes. What difference does that reality make in your day to day living? What happens when we forget that reality?

The real question behind the church being "relevant" to the world is not whether we should be in the world. Of course, we should. The more pressing question is whether we are _____ that world or that world is _____ us.

Discussion 4. How do you know if you are being influenced by your worldly friends? How do you know if you are influencing your worldly friends?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?