

RESET Pastors Meeting Week One

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Blue Dots - Prayer

Group Experience

RESET = contextualize it personally (4 quiet times a week and go to church...need to push reset)

Look at verses from Personal Guide

Main Characters in Luke

- Jesus
- People Who Need Healing
- Masses
- Pharisees

If you don't read your bible and know who the real Jesus is, anybody can tell you whatever they want you to believe about Jesus.

Assumptions: Apologetics vs. A Picture of Jesus?

- Who do you say that I am? Everybody has to deal with that question; everybody has to get Jesus right.
- Brian: People are getting swept up in strange ideas about who Jesus is: Echart Tolle/New Earth;
- Ann Rice: Christ Lord our of Egypt - The whole case for the non-divine Jesus...
- I didn't come to bring peace but a sword: Why is the history of Jesus so divisive? Caesar isn't,
- Scriptures from the guide - this is why Jesus is so unique. Back into apologetics.
- Clips from Jesus Christ Superstar, Jesus of Nazareth... If this is all you know about Jesus, you need to hit RESET.
- Have we developed a Jesus that looks like us or a revolutionary?
- John the Baptist early statements: early ones vs. the later ones when John's in jail. Are you the one?
- Luke 9:20

- Joe from Vineyard - Truth and Authority in Modernity (book) last page – Challenge people to consistency and integrity. People now are asking what works, what’s real, is your story better than mine.
- Alex: Show people how the person of Jesus has made a difference in my life and in the lives of others.
- What image of Jesus would you strip away?
 - Legalism vs. Freedom – strip away the idea of legalism
 - Docile Jesus
 - The idea that Jesus is going to give you the life you want right now. Abundant life can be something altogether different.
 - Jesus Mean & Wild
- Organic craze – play up the all natural, stripping out the additives.
 - John 15:5 = organic msg
 - Fresh Market, Whole Foods, bottled water
 - School cafeterias not serving mystery meat
 - McDonalds appearing to strip away the additives and is soaring
 - Acknowledge that all of us are bringing assumptions and baggage.
- Echart Tolle: quote from Tome all of us should say I am the way the truth and the life.
 - How do we go after statements like that?
 - Get real – I’m not truth.
 - We keep trying what works – mega churchism, Buddhism, Echart Tolle.
- 3 Temptations – What messiah will you be?
- Yoke – taking on his agenda vs. our agenda. Challenge people to take that on. He came to invite us to a way of life. Are you living like this guy lived. Seeing him as he was and learning to live like him. Parable of the wise builder...doing what he says not just hearing.
- Lists of assumptions:
 - He’ll fix your problems
 - he’s always loving
 - he’s always man

- Jesus is like Dr Phil; he wants to tweak my life
 - What assumptions are coming from each age grouping?
- Why is Jesus so divisive?
- Workout – everybody says something different. “If I don’t say something different, then my book won’t sell; my article won’t get published. Let’s take the book of Luke at face value.
- Takeaway: What are some of my assumptions that might be wrong?
- Show different pictures of our belief system about Jesus: Santa, drill sergeant, republican... Even the Luke Groups had assumptions about Jesus. What are your assumptions? Give people permission to understand and talk about them. We can’t really lay them aside, the best thing is to understand them.
- Luke is God-breathed. Step into it.
- Examples of general assumptions – origin of assumptions: all dogs are mean, I’m an art student so I’m not good at math.
- Who are the people at Journey and what assumptions need to be challenged. He lives in Triple Crown so...; He’s a pastor so...
- The Jesus found in the gospels is more intriguing and interesting than the Jesus in culture.

