
Life Group Sermon Based Questions

"Jesus and the World"

(John 7)

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Please begin your discussion by going through the New City Catechism (#26). As the leader, read the question and have the group respond by reading the answer and Scripture together out loud. Then go around the room and read the commentary. If children are present, please include them too. Remember you can use the book, the phone app, or the browser website. Conclude with the prayer together.

Hello LG Leaders,

1. Read through John 7:1-13. Why were the Jewish leaders so adamant to be against Jesus, even to the point of wanting him killed? In what way was Jesus a threat to them?
2. If you are a Christian, think back to when you first became a Christian. In what way did Jesus upset your worldview? About what, in particular, did Jesus confront from your pre-Christian worldview? What has been the greatest obstacle or challenge to accepting Jesus as Lord?
3. Regardless of the person or the culture, why is Jesus and his teaching so incompatible with the other worldview? [It can be doctrine based. It can be lifestyle based. It can be an affront to tradition. It can be an affront to family.]
4. Many people have tried to integrate their old worldview and the Christian worldview and have ended up with syncretism. When syncretism happens it's often impossible to make Christianity work. In ways, have we in the west, been guilty of syncretism?
5. Can you think of scenarios in your own life of people you know -- people you expected to be Christian, who abandoned the faith, as well as those whom you never thought would be a Christian, who became devoted followers of Jesus? Why is it that proximity to Jesus doesn't necessarily lead to being a follower of Jesus? What's the danger for those of us who are generational Christians?
6. Why are signs ultimately ineffective in generating faith in Jesus Christ?
7. What is required, instead, to generate faith in Jesus? Share how the Word of God (listened to or read) drew you to the Saviour. How does this truth affect our strategy in missions and evangelism?
8. Spend time praying for friends and family who are still without Christ.