

COAL - Don't Stop There, Keep Walking

Weekend Discussion Questions

December 4-5, 2010

Community:

1. Why do you think some people so adamantly try to quell any celebration or acknowledgement of Jesus during the Christmas season?
2. What are some things you and your family do to celebrate Jesus during Christmas?
3. What are some things you've heard that others are doing for COAL this year?

Core:

1. Does Jesus tend to become an afterthought—due to all that needs to get done?
2. Read Matthew 25:25-30 and 25:45. What are some ways you saw Jesus this week?
3. Has Jesus "opened your eyes" in a greater way since last week? If so, how?
4. What are some excuses we make in order not to help those we see in need?
5. If helping others doesn't save us or connect us back to God, why should we do it?
6. Likewise, if all our physical assistance eventually runs out, fades or dies, why do it?
7. Eventually everyone Jesus fed, helped and healed died. Why did He do it?
8. Read Luke 7:18-23. What was John the Baptists greater question here?
9. Are you surprised that John was questioning his faith in Jesus?
10. Does it bother you that Jesus doesn't explicitly answer John's questions (or ours)?
11. Have you struggled in your faith in Jesus when your circumstances were bad? How?
12. Jesus simply answers John's faith question by pointing him to what Jesus was doing. Why did what Jesus was doing hold the answer to John's question?
13. How do our actions (in Jesus' name) hold the answer to others' questions about Jesus?
14. Why should anyone care what we believe about Jesus until they see proof of our belief?
15. Where do Christians try to force their belief in Jesus instead of living out their belief?
16. Read 1 Peter 2:12 and discuss how Christians can do better living out these words.

Challenge:

1. Buy a 2011 calendar and place your COAL stickers on the 25th of each month. Then, begin to brainstorm ways to give to others throughout the entire year.
2. If you haven't already, purchase some of the products made by the widows in Afghanistan. If you won't wear any of it—give to someone in need who will.



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