

Serial Killers – Neighborhood Watch

Weekend Discussion Questions

January 8-9, 2011

Community:

1. Were you able to, in some way, identify a possible “serial killer” in your life this week?
2. Do you think it’s wrong to take pride in certain aspects of life (i.e. work, kids, etc.)?
3. Why does pride hold such a devastating threat to our relationship with God and others?

Core:

1. Read John 8:31. What does it mean to *hold on to* Jesus teachings, and how does that help to *set us free...and free* from what?
2. Why is Jesus’ *truth* (or light) so hard to deal, and come to grips with, at times?
3. What are some areas in life we like to try and keep hidden in the dark from others?
4. How open are you to the two questions Jim said we must all ask ourselves:
 - a) Are you really looking for God’s truth for your life?
 - b) Are you open to the idea that God’s truth might be different than what you assumed it was?
5. Read Luke 10:25. As Jim pointed out, what was wrong with this question to begin with?
6. Do you ever struggle with the concept that there’s nothing we can DO to earn God’s love?
7. Read Luke 10:25-28 and discuss your thoughts on the expert’s answer...and Jesus’ response.
8. Would you agree that the expert in the law was exhibiting pride here? How?
9. How close do you think most people you know get to loving God and loving other perfectly?
10. Read Luke 10:29. Do you ever find yourself doing the same: trying to clarify who exactly you have to love...and who you don’t?
11. Read Luke 10:29-37. Who are the outcasts or “Samaritans” of society today?
12. If we are to show mercy (and grace) to our neighbors, what’s the biggest impediment?
13. Where does pride become the biggest hurdle in showing mercy to others in your life?
14. Jim said the two main drivers in pride are *arrogance* and *fear*. Where have you seen or experienced these two aspects of pride in their most destructive form?
15. How have arrogance and fear hindered you from changing or helping others?
16. It’s always easier seeing pride in others, but where do you see it in your own life?

Challenge:

1. Take an honest assessment of your life and ask yourself, “*What do the people in my life need me to do...and why won’t I do it?*” Then, prayerfully ask God to help you make that change.
2. Memorize John 8:31-32—“*If you hold to my teaching, then you are really my followers. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.*”



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