

**Tracks – First Class**  
Weekend Discussion Questions  
July 17-18, 2010

**Community:**

1. What vacation have you taken that provided an excellent environment?
2. Have you ever had a vacation mishap like the one Scott shared?

**Core:**

Value #5 – Excellent Environments

1. What was it about the Flatirons environment that originally attracted you?
2. Where do some churches get “off track” and distract people from Jesus?

Read Mark 1:2-3

1. What was the role of John the Baptist in relation to Jesus?
2. In what ways do you see John accomplishing his role?

Read John 1:19-27

3. Why do you think the religious leaders had a hard time understanding who John was and what his mission was?
4. Do you think John had any trouble stepping aside for Jesus? Why?
5. Why do you think humility (a necessary Christian trait) is so difficult?

Read John 1:29-39

6. John kept pointing to Jesus...what are some ways we can do the same?
7. Share some of the barriers you see churches putting up that get in people’s way of bumping into Jesus.
8. What are some things you can do to be someone who’s “safe” and trustworthy?

Scott said that Flatirons needs to do four things to create a safe environment. Discuss each one:

1. Deal in *real truth...in real ways...to real people*
2. Be engaging and good (Colossians 3:23)
3. Be different – a little freaky like John the Baptist and the first church
4. Be ALL about Jesus...*always and only*

**Challenge:**

1. Make an active effort to be real, honest and safe in pointing to Jesus this week.
2. Bring a backpack full of school supplies next weekend for kids in need. The supply list can be found online at [www.flatironschurch.com](http://www.flatironschurch.com).

