

Small Group Questions

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Interview with the Devil (part 2) – “You Mad God?”

Message: “When Indifference Gets in the Way”

This four-part series explores times when Jesus got mad. Many people have mental images of an angry God but the surprise here is found in the things that mad Jesus mad are the same things that make people mad when it comes to church and to God. Each week, we unpack one story and seek understanding and application of the righteous anger Jesus displayed. It can be easy to take Jesus’ anger and aim it at the groups we don’t like or the behaviors we disagree with, but we will be looking at ourselves rather than others. Much of Jesus’ anger was aimed at the religious leaders of the day, the insiders. Those of us who follow God and attend church need to examine our walk with God to make sure we do not repeat any of the bad religion that drove people away from God rather than to Him.

The main goal of this series is for people who follow Jesus to build bridges to those whom God is pursuing and to create the kind of community that welcomes all who seek the Jesus of the Bible. Man-made obstacles to a relationship with God must go but it’s often hard to see that within ourselves or our own church community. May God help WHC to become increasingly the kind of place that facilitates relationship with God.

Thank you once again for your service to God by loving the people in your group!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. When you were growing up, who insisted upon you “washing up?”
2. How do you feel about the rules at the place you work or go to school?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Luke 11:37-44.

3. What do you make of the Pharisees’ surprise at Jesus’ not washing before the meal?
4. If you had to summarize Jesus’ words to the Pharisee in :39-41 and put them into your own words, what is Jesus saying?
5. Jesus gives three “woes” in :42-44. Put each one into your own words.
6. What is the point of Jesus words to this Pharisee? (What is He trying to accomplish?)
7. Jesus is often portrayed as meek and mild. What is the significance of this passage’s presentation of Jesus for you?
8. Of the three “woes” in :42-44, which one is directed most to you? Why?

