



ADVENTURE KILLERS

Cliche Christianity

MAIN THING

Real Adventure can't happen when the Power of God isn't present

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 1:10-15, Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 3:14-21

ICEBREAKER

What are your favorite cliches?

OPENING THOUGHT

"I read Christian self-help books. I listen to K-Love. I read all my devotions on the Bible app. I believe in conservative politics." Do statements like these define your faith, or are they the result of your faith? Is this how you follow Christ, or do you try to live out the Fruit of the Spirit? These are two very different things. Reading the right books, listening to the right music and voting for the right politicians are good things, but don't really translate to life full of power, purpose, and adventure. Daily living out love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control takes desire, commitment and an adventurous heart. Is your life a cliché, or is it a life that showcases the power of God?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. What do you think about this statement, "God cares less about what you do, and more about why you do it."? What does Isaiah 1:10-15 say about that? Is it possible to do all the right things, but still not be right with God?
3. Read Hebrews 4:12. What does this say about the power of God's Word? What is your motivation in reading and/or studying the Word of God? Is the Bible a priority in your walk, or is it something you do when there's time?

LIFE APPLICATION

God longs for you to live a powerful life. The only thing that is holding you back from that is you. In Ephesians 3:14-21, Paul inspires the people of Ephesus to live lives of power, knowing that only comes from God. In order to receive that power, you need to be in relationship with God. What does that look like for you? Do you spend time in daily prayer? Are you in God's Word? Are you actively serving in the Church? Define where your greatest struggle is, and attack it. Your relationship with God is the most important in your life. Don't neglect it or let it slide.

CHALLENGE

How does your group operate? Are you unified in your vision for what it should be. Do you find yourselves looking forward to your group each week, or do you dread the idea of being there? Do you have genuine love for one another. Community Groups can become a cliché unto themselves if left unchecked. How are you living out your faith in tandem with each other?