



Unpopular Opinion

Week 3 - The Write Thing vs. The Right Thing

Discussion Guide

We like being comfortable. We like having a routine, a set way of doing things. But what happens when our desire for comfort conflicts with God's plan to reach people? The religious people of Jesus's day fell into this way of thinking. Jesus had an unpopular opinion on this: Reaching people is more important than keeping the rule-followers happy.

1. What are some words that come to mind when you hear the word "church"?
2. Discuss a time when you stepped out of your comfort zone to try something new.
3. Jesus called Matthew to follow him even though Matthew wasn't anything like Jesus. And Matthew did! What does it mean to follow someone?
4. Jesus said a doctor's main priority was sick people. In the same way, Jesus's main priority is to connect with those who don't know God yet. Do you tend to be more cautious with your relationships or are you outgoing and willing to take risks on new people?
5. The Bible tells us that Jesus spent a lot of time with and ate a lot of meals with people who don't know God. If Jesus was on earth today, what would that look like in this culture? Where might he go and who might he go see?
6. Final Thought: People who were nothing like Jesus liked Jesus. That is because Jesus loved people even if they weren't like him. When we choose to extend love to those unlike us over choosing to stay in our comfort zone, that's where God will show up. Next week begins Movies At The Cove. Discuss someone you are hesitant or uncomfortable inviting. Inviting that person could change their life...and yours!