

Losing My Religion

Jesus > Religion



Ice Breaker

- What was the high/low point of the past week?
- **Recap:** Brokenness leads to breakthrough. Was there a moment this past week where you choose to come to God with nothing and needing everything? What was that experience like?

Key Questions

- What's one idea from Sunday's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?
- *"Jesus is Greater Than Religion."* Ps Blake shared that the core message of Jesus was that man can't reach high enough to find God (religion), so God came to Earth (relationship). We have to be careful to not "flip the sign" and make "religion greater than Jesus". How have you seen others, or your self personally, make a religion out of Jesus teaching?
- Read Matthew 11:28-30. These verses encourage us to approach God with the expectation of being accepted by Him, just as we are, and then growing with him to become more like Jesus. What part of this verse do you find most encouraging? What do you find most challenging? Why?

Optional Questions – *If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.*

- Describe a soul "at rest"? On a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 being "totally at rest", how would you describe the state of your soul today? Why?
- Read 2 Corinthians 13:5 aloud. In this verse, the Apostle Paul encourages us to test our faith. How can you determine if your faith is genuine?
- Ps Blake shared a story about a young woman who was invited to a church, but had a terrible experience because of the way she dressed. She experienced religion, not Jesus. Can you relate to this story? If so, how?
- *"Let Jesus speak for Jesus."* This is a simple thought with a profound impact. What does this statement mean to you? Why do you think we allow culture, pain, or other people shape our view of Jesus?

Next Steps

- Announcement: *Announce the time & location of your next City Group.*
- Announcement: *Announce the time & location of Sunday's Worship Experience.*