

OUTRAGEOUS

STUFF JESUS SAID

Life Group Questions: Be Real With Christ

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Read

Matthew 13:14-15 and Luke 14:16-23

Reflect

The pace of life continues to accelerate with each passing year, making it difficult to actually live instead of letting life happen to us. We wind up going through the motions, taking a surface view of life as it passes by us. We make excuses about why we are too busy to spend time with people and develop meaningful, life changing relationships.

Pastor Rick Bezet gave us four things to say when getting real with God:

1. "Lord, I'm ready now."
 - a. Think about your typical week. Where are the margins in your schedule?
 - b. How do you spend your discretionary time? Are you intentional about developing relationships?
2. "Lord, I have no excuses"
 - a. The parable in Luke has people responding to a banquet invitation with a variety of excuses about why they cannot attend. Each of those invited thought their particular excuse was reasonable, but the host found their excuses insulting and ridiculous. How do you tend to respond to invitations that you receive? What about invitations from God?
 - b. What does your response to invitations say about your priorities? What does it say about your relationships?
3. "Lord, I'm broken"
 - a. The banquet host told his servant, to bring in the broken to take the place of those who had refused his invitation, because he knew they would be receptive to his invitation.
 - b. What are you dealing with that's left you broken today? Embrace Jesus in your brokenness. He's not interested in screaming about your issues. He's wants to love you through them.
4. "Lord, I know you care."
 - a. The banquet host told his servant to "compel them to come in so that my house will be full." God cares about your presence at the banquet table.
 - b. What's keeping you away from the table today?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?