



Red Letter “Why Jesus”

Gather:

Take the time and ask these questions each week. They may be the same week to week, but we believe if truthfully answered, can reveal a lot about what God is doing in and through your lives.

- How am I doing loving the people God has given me to love?
- Why is God so good?

Change:

- Think back to the message and share what theme, verse, or point stuck out the most? Why? Use your Update to refresh your memory.
- Before you even discuss Jesus and his words, take some time to talk about your understanding of the validity, accuracy, and authenticity of the Bible. And keep in mind that the Bible is not one book written by one person. Textual and historical analysis confirm over and over that the evidence for the accuracy and authenticity of the Bible is the most accurate and reliable ancient writings we have. If you have any questions on the legitimacy and accuracy of scripture than do some research. Search for the “historical accuracy of the Bible.” This is important stuff because if we are going to read and respond to what Jesus said, we better trust the source.
- Now that you have discussed and hopefully have a new or renewed confidence in God’s Word, let’s look at Jesus. What did he claim and what did he do.
- Read John 17:1-5 using the “Paraphrase It” method. (Read the passage but do so in your own words to help you understand. i.e. you could replace the word “glorified” with the words “made known” or “made famous”) Discuss how this deeper understanding of Jesus’ claim about who he is, impacts you? If Jesus really is God, does it change how seriously we should take his words as truth?
- Brad talked a lot about the resurrection this weekend because the resurrection is the pinnacle moment of the Christian faith! What Jesus accomplished on the cross or didn’t accomplish on the cross changes everything. Read Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 15:17-19. What is Paul saying here? Use the remainder of your time to talk about the evidence for or against the resurrection. Use the following link to answer some of your questions.
http://www.garyhabermas.com/qa/qa_index.htm#hist

- What are your thoughts? What are your fears? What does Jesus want to say to you, if indeed he was resurrected? Was Jesus a liar, a lunatic, or Lord?

Serve:

- **Has your group signed up to serve at Family Fest??!! Serve the community together! Text our events intern Miranda today to sign up @850-814-8742. Or sign up on the Shift website. www.shift-church.com**
- If you haven't gone through the Growth Track at Shift, you are missing out! It is a fantastic path to learn more about God, learn about the mission of Shift church, as well as discover truths about your personality, gifting, and purpose. Classes are held in the Treehouse Kidz building following the 2nd service. Childcare is provided.
- How are you going to serve the people of Gainesville as a small group? Why would anyone be interested in the fact that you are a Christ-follower? If you are not meeting the needs of the community and adding value to the lives of the people around you, you are missing out on an enormous piece of the Gospel message.