

Resolution Church small group guide

series: unchristian

Week 1 - 09.13.09

Getting to know me

Growing up, where was your favorite place to vacation?

Given the choice would you prefer a weekend in a hotel or camping?

Digging deeper

Describe a time you felt judged by someone who seemed wrongly motivated to find fault? How did you feel about that?

This week we discussed two negative perceptions about Christians held by 16-29 year olds: that Christians are “sheltered” and “judgmental.” What did you find most challenging, helpful or troubling about the subject matter?

Was there any one thing you most agreed with or disagreed with from last week’s message? What was it and why?

Into the Bible

We also talked about three ways to begin to create new perceptions of Christianity:

1. Encounter God (Isaiah 6:1-8)
2. Engage your world (John 8:3-9, Acts 17:22-23)
3. Embody the Good News (Mark 16:15, 2 Corinthians 3:2)

Read 2 Corinthians 3:2

How does this passage relate to the idea that **perception is reality**?

Read John 17:13-16

What are some insights you can draw from Jesus’ prayer about “engaging your world?”

Application

How or where have/do you “encounter God?”

In the book, Unchristian, there are stories of people breaking the mold of a “sheltered faith” by doing things as simple as cooking a regular meal for friends and neighbors outside the church (p.140). Others are doing things as sophisticated as Catherine Rohr (p.197), founder of the Prisoner Entrepreneurship Program. What’s one thing you can think of to do to *engage your world* and *embody the Good News* for someone else?

If you’d like to purchase a copy of the book, visit our website: www.resolutionchurch.com/unchristian

