



BREAKING THE ICE

What is the worst job you have ever had?

What is the kindest thing someone has done for you (recently or ever)?

Last week, Pastor Kevin talked about our desire to be great. What is something that you are really good at?

MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Jeff Henderson talked about the main reason people don't follow Jesus is because of how they have been treated by Jesus followers. As Jesus followers, one of the best ways to show people God is for them is by how well we serve them.

1. Have you ever been hurt by someone who claimed to be a Jesus follower? How did that affect the way you viewed Christianity?

Jesus knows what it's like to be hurt. But none of that stopped Him from what His Father called Him to do, and it didn't end His relationship with His Father.

2. One of the primary reasons that people don't follow Jesus isn't because of Jesus. Think about your family members, friends, co-workers, or neighbors: what are some of the reasons they give why they don't follow Jesus?

Jesus understood what it was like to have others seek control over Him, and even betray and discredit Him. Yet He challenged people to watch Him, and judge for themselves who He really was. He invites us to discover who He really is.

3. Read Matthew 5:14-16

Jeff talked about "leaving things better than you found them." Describe a time when you left a relationship, place, or experience better than when you walked into it?

As a light of the world, we get the chance to be an example of Jesus in every room we walk into. Every moment of our day can be used to remind people that we are FOR them, and ultimately that Jesus is, too.

4. Read Mark 10:42-44

Jeff gave a list of examples of how we can show people God is for them:

- a. "Thank you for being here."
- b. Let's remember who we represent
- c. Be Generous
- d. Practice humility
- e. Serve at Cross Point
- f. I see you. I believe in you. I'm for you.
- g. Second-mile service

Which of these challenges you? What are some other ways you can serve the people you see at home, work (or school!), church, or in our community?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you that there is no personality or relationship dynamic that is foreign or unknown to you. Your word says that there is nothing we face that you didn't face yourself. Would you remind us what it looks like to love the people around us, and would you give us opportunities this week to be an expression of how much You are FOR the people with whom we come into contact? We want to be more like you, Jesus. Amen.

ACTION STEP

Who is one person you can serve this week, to let them know you are FOR them?

Find a way to serve as a group! Serve the City is coming up on April 2; you can find projects at <https://crosspoint.tv/local-good>

Join a team at Cross Point! Sign up to serve at <https://crosspoint.tv/getinvolved>

Continue reading through the book of Mark with us this week. Devotional can be found online at <https://crosspoint.tv/mark>