

Mad Men “Big Man”- Jim Burgen

September 30-October 1, 2017

Community:

1. What is your “go-to” greeting when you meet somebody new in a social setting? How does it differ from the people you know and love?
2. Share your most awkward social encounter story.

Core:

1. **Read Luke 4:5-7.** What was at the heart of the temptation Satan was throwing at Jesus? What was Satan offering Jesus that only God can offer?
2. What (in your life) are you being tempted to worship and submit to—instead of God? What is that temptation offering? What’s at stake if you let go of God and give your life to that temptation?
3. **Read Luke 4:8.** What stands out to you about Jesus’s response? What can Jesus’ response teach us about what we are supposed to do when we are being tempted to let go of what God says is best for our lives and bow down to something else?
4. **Read James 4:7.** Think about those areas in your life that you’re being tempted to let go of God and trust something else. What do you think you are going to need in order to trust God and obey what He is telling you to do?
5. What areas in life, and in your relationships, do you desire *honor* and *respect*? How do you normally go about trying to get them? Do you see any connection between those areas/relationships and the areas of your life where you are being tempted?
6. **Read Philippians 2:6-11.** What do we learn from this about Jesus and His character? How did Jesus receive His *honor*, *respect*, and *glory*? What can the servanthood of Jesus teach us about how we should go about treating those around us and how we are supposed to receive the respect and honor we desire?

Challenge:

Spend time this week reading **Luke 4: 5-8** and **Philippians 2:6-11**. Then spend some time reflecting on the character of Jesus and how He responded to the temptation. Ask God to give you what you need so that you can do the same.

If you are able to actually attend one of the Flatirons campuses (and especially if you’re a man) make a plan to attend next week so that you can either commit (or recommit) yourself to the *Thin Red Line* that Jim is going to present next week, or get baptized if you have yet to do so and you desire to make that declaration of who Jesus is to you and what He has done for you.