

Big Rocks – Excellent Environments

Weekend Discussion Questions

May 24-25, 2014

Community:

1. What did you do over Memorial Day?
2. How did you answer the two questions Jim asked last week: *“How would my life be different if I really believed that I am who Jesus says that I am?”* and *“How could God use someone like me to build something that would show the world, ‘This is what Jesus is like?’”*

Core:

1. Describe each of our first four values: Biblical Authority, Relational Intimacy, Authentic Community, and Gifted Service.
2. Last week we learned that in Christ, we are a *new creation*. What does that mean to you?
3. We also learned that Jesus is the only person who has the right to tell us who we are. What are some of the conflicting messages about who we are from other people in our lives, from ourselves, or from society?
4. What does Jesus say that we are?
5. Our fifth value is called “Excellent Environments”, and it is only made possible by people using their gifts to serve each other. If a friend asked you what “Excellent Environments” means, how would you answer them?
6. Read about what it takes to make an “Excellent Environment” Church in 1 Peter 2:4-5. What does it mean by saying we are “living stones”?
7. It also says we are a “holy priesthood”. The definition for priest is literally “bridge builder”. How are we supposed to be bridge builders?
8. It also says that we’re supposed to offer “spiritual sacrifices”, tying back to what Paul writes about sacrifice in Romans 12:1. Read that verse...what does it mean for us to be a “living sacrifice”?

Challenge:

1. What is one thing that you feel like God has uniquely gifted you to do, and you have a responsibility to Him to leverage that gift for all it’s worth?
2. What’s one need you look around and see that probably isn’t anyone’s gift to do it, but it just needs to be done?
3. How are you going to use either your gifts or your willingness to be a living sacrifice around Flatirons, to say “I’m In!”?