

Bloodline – Rethinking Your Strategy for Life

Weekend Discussion Questions

April 4-5, 2015

Community:

1. Did the story of Ruth—and the story of Jesus' family—have extra impact this past weekend because it was Easter? If so, what part of these two stories had the most impact?
2. After celebrating Easter at Flatirons (which included communion—a consistent reminder of what Jesus did for us, and who God is), why do you think we need such constant reminders about who God is?

Core:

1. **Read Matthew 3:16-17.** As we read this event, what does Jesus know about Himself and His Father? God calls Jesus His son and says He is well-pleased with Him. How do these verses affect Jesus' response when Satan first tempts him?
2. How do you believe you are defined, based on your relationship to your heavenly Father, and how has that made a difference when you are faced with temptation?
3. Think about Jesus in the desert (alone and hungry), then think about a time where you felt what Jesus may have felt—waiting to hear from God. What was the hardest part? Feeling alone? Not knowing what would come next? Wondering where God was?
4. Why didn't God rescue Jesus from His temptations? What do you think was the purpose of Jesus' temptations...and how does this apply to us today?
5. Jim talked about having a "code" or "strategy" for life. How would you articulate your code or strategy for how you live life?
6. If you were to change your strategy for life, believing that God is your Father, and that He loves you and is always near, what would be different in your day-to-day life?
7. In light of Jesus' total surrender to **BE** the sins of the world, and to be separated from His Father, what does surrender to God look like in your life? Are there places you're afraid to trust God and let go? What would you need to believe about God to change that?

Challenge:

1. Look at the circumstances of your life. What do these circumstances reveal about your true character...and is there a need to reevaluate your strategy in life? Reach out to a friend from Flatirons and discuss your strategies to life—and hold each other accountable.

