



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Radio Spirituality

Drugs or Jesus

Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 17:22-28. What strikes you about this passage? Notice how the Apostle Paul uses the Athenian's own culture to help them understand who the REAL God is. He even suggests that the Athenian's own poetry is whispering the truth of the gospel. Could our own (modern day) poets and song writers be doing the same thing?
2. What is your favourite type of music and why? Name some of your favorite contemporary singer/songwriters... (P.S. they don't all have to be Christian!!). Have you ever had an experience in which a song (either Christian or non-Christian) really moved you? Explain. Why do you suppose music can touch us almost like no other art form can?
3. A famous Christian writer once wrote, "All art, in whatever form it takes, has the potential of being either good or bad art, worth reflecting on or destined for the dustbin of history. This is true of both so called 'Christian' and 'non-Christian' art. As people whose eyes have been open to the beauty and renewing power of the Kingdom of God, it is incumbent on us to point out the beauty of good art, wherever it is found."

Explore

4. The song we discussed on Sunday starts out, "In my hometown, for anyone who sticks around. You're either lost or you're found. There's not much in between. In my hometown, everything is black and white. It's a long, long way from wrong to right. From Sunday morning to Saturday night." Do you resonate with these lyrics? Share. How do you suppose the chasm that exists between these two "crowds" incites judgementalism on both sides.
5. Karl Marx wrote, "Religion is the opiate of the people". In other words, it was one way of "getting high" and "watching a perfect world go by." Is Marx right? Now read Matthew 8:18-22. As a Christian, why is it so easy to forget the radicalness of Jesus' call to follow him.
6. How has God pursued you in your life? Like Jacob in Genesis 32, how is He wrestling you in order to be found by you? Share.

Pray

- Based on the previous discussion, go around the circle and have each person pick which of the following they want prayer for. And then pray for each other.
 - To open your eyes to the multiplicity of ways in which God is speaking to us.
 - To decide to stop drifting and actually follow Jesus.
 - To stop being so judgmental, either of the Saturday night or Sunday morning crowd.
 - To stop fighting God in some area of your life and to be found by Him.
 - Other