



Week 1: The Genius of Jesus

Ice Breaker:

Have you ever had an “A Ha!” moment when you figured something out? How did you feel in that moment?

Group Discussion and Questions:

1. Josh mentioned several geniuses (Leonardo da Vinci, Orson Welles, Katherine Johnson, Steve Jobs), and asserted four “markers” of geniuses; they are: Original, Heretical, Transformative, Extremist. Josh pointed out that, even though few people talk about Jesus being a genius, Jesus displayed ALL of these qualities. **Have you ever met anyone who portrayed one or more of these qualities and who made a strong impact on you, or your way of thinking?**
2. Josh showed how the “genius of Jesus” was unique because it was not only transformative, but also transferable. **Talk about those terms with your group, and share some examples from the Bible that support this idea.**
3. Read Luke 2:41-50. What do you notice about **doubt, faith, and questions** in this passage? **Can you share about a time when you learned something new that changed your way of thinking?**
4. Josh shared his faith story, which included a wrestling with the question: **“Is Jesus worth following?”** **How would you personally answer that question?**

Homework:

To prepare for the rest of this series, read Matthew 5-7 this week and consider taking time to pray/journal in one of these ways:

- Spend some time praying for God to show you ways your own biblical knowledge may fall short of the wisdom of God about which Jesus was teaching.
- Look for words or phrases that catch your attention and seem to resonate with you in a fresh way as you read over familiar verses.
- Challenge yourself to memorize a section of this passage that’s especially meaningful to you.