

The Politically Incorrect Jesus

JESUS PICKED WHO, TO DO WHAT?

Luke 5:27-29, Matthew 21:28-32

- ▶ We can't **follow** without leaving something **behind**.
- ▶ There is no reason to follow **alone**.

WHY JESUS REALLY SHOWED UP AT THE PARTY

Luke 5:30-32, Romans 5:8, 1 Timothy 1:15-16

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WHAT JESUS CAME TO DO

Luke 5:33-39, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, John 17:20-23, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- ▶ He came to do **transplants**, not **cosmetic surgery**.

This is good news for the **sick** who want to **change**.

This is bad news for the **sick** who won't **admit it**.

- ▶ Christianity is the only club where you have to be **unqualified** to get in.

YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Thanks for all you have done in making a difference in our community this past quarter. Below are a few more great opportunities that you may want to consider for yourself or for your Growth Group this Christmas season.

❖ **Christmas Outreach Tree:**

Beginning Dec. 4, stop by the Christmas Outreach Tree booth in the Plaza and choose an ornament. Presents listed on the ornaments include toys, sports equipment, diapers, baby blankets, along with items for single parents in need. Return the unwrapped present with the ornament and help make a difference.

❖ **Serve a Meal at the Michaele House:**

Serve a meal for 16 residents on Christmas Eve @ 3pm. See our Web page for more details, northcoastcommunityservice.org

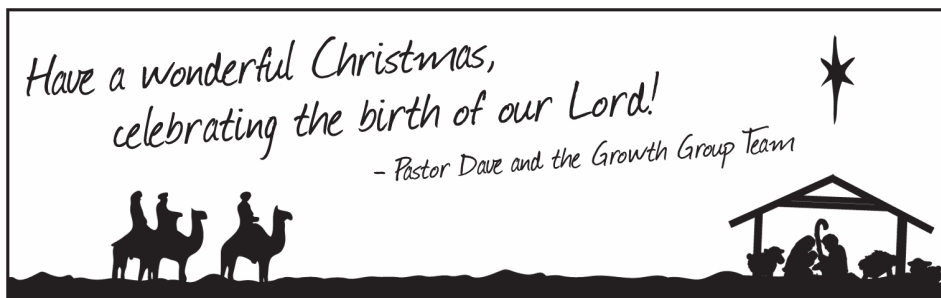
❖ **Amazing Race to Serve:**

North Coast version of the popular television series, "The Amazing Race." Our short adventure race is like a scavenger hunt on steroids, taking teams of two from the Oceanside Pier to the North Coast Church Vista Campus. Proceeds from the event go to support the 2011 Weekend of Service. You can sign up online now at www.amazingracetoserve.com.

❖ **2011 Weekend of Service:**

Mark your calendars! The 2011 Weekend of Service will be on May 14 & 15, 2011. It's a weekend that we cancel church and all 8,000 of us do over \$1 million worth of service projects in just 48 hours. More info to come...

As the New Year begins, watch for more opportunities to serve as a Growth Group and make a difference in our community in the name of Jesus.



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Growth Group Homework

For the week of December 5, 2010

Because this is the last meeting of the fall quarter, the homework is shorter than normal. As usual, your final meeting of the quarter will include a look back on how God has worked, Communion and some time to fill out the end of the quarter feedback forms. Our winter Growth Group quarter will begin the week of January 9, 2011. Merry Christmas!

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Are there any Christmas traditions your family practices now that you also had in the home you grew up in? If so, explain.

2. As you look back on this quarter, what are one or two things about your Growth Group experience that you have appreciated most? (It can be time spent together, how your group has encouraged you to continue to live your life for Christ, a service project, spiritual breakthrough, growth challenge or anything else.)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This week we saw how Jesus isn't a religious patch on our life, but wants our entire life. List as many observations you can find in Romans 5:1-8 about what we gain when we surrender everything to Him.

2. Sometimes it's hard to hear that you're sick, especially when we think we're healthy. However, what do the following verses say about our spiritual condition without Christ?

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 7:23

REMEMBERING

This weekend we heard how Jesus' death and resurrection is the ultimate display of His love and forgiveness – transforming our lives from the inside out. To conclude this quarter, we will be taking Communion to remember the gift and sacrifice we have received through Jesus.

To prepare for Communion, read Luke 2:1-7 and Luke 22:19-20. Then go back and look at what you wrote down in the questions above. Jot down what you're thankful for that Jesus has done for you.

As we move into Communion, how can Philippians 3:7-11 be beneficial to us in remembering what Christ has done?