

Dig-A-Little-Deeper

AmazinG RACE Relay Leg #2

New Testament Idol: Groupies, Critics, and the Rock Star

- Monday Jesus begins His ministry in Luke 6:12-38. It feels a little bit like the life of a Rock Star – He forms a band, has a kick-off concert, a set of Groupies and a song. Look at the message of His song and think about what it takes to be a Groupie with Jesus. You have to read the words slowly, for they have deep meaning that most of us never live by. Ask Jesus to help you be a Groupie today and live by the song.
- Tuesday Are you a Jesus Groupie? It's tough to live by His lyrics, but if you keep it up, I think you will notice how your life will change for the better. Like any Rock Star, Jesus had His Simon, Paula, and Randy. Take a look at the Critics and their harsh judgment of Jesus' life and music in Luke 7:28-35. He did not make them "feel good." Is your faith, or the lack thereof, based on your feelings? If so, Jesus never taught that He would make you "feel good" – only blessed and filled with joy. Ask God to help you have the faith and courage to believe and depend on Him – even when you don't feel good.
- Wednesday The Groupies that followed Jesus understood His message while the Critics did not. They took a chance on Jesus and His lyrics and it paid off in their lives and hearts. Read about one of these groupies in Luke 7:1-10. Note that he needed no proof – Jesus didn't even have to be present for this Groupie to put his full trust and belief in Him. Are you waiting on Jesus to prove His reality to you before you follow Him? Maybe He already has and you are just not looking around (creation, the Bible, "coincidental" occurrences in your life...). Talk to Him about His reality in your life. Why not try to trust, even in the face of your doubts!
- Thursday Luke 7:36-50 reveals another Groupie of Jesus as well as a Critic. The Groupie here was in Jesus' presence, but never spoke a word – she trusted Him to accept her unconditionally and He did. The Critic judged her sin and her presence among the "righteous" ones. Jesus loved her right where she was and forgave her. How about you? Are you holding out being a Jesus Groupie until you are worthy enough to be one? It'll never happen. Why not take a moment right now to accept His love and forgiveness and follow Him? Talk to Him about it!
- Friday The final Groupie we will look at is in Luke 8:22-39. Here is a dangerous criminal who Jesus spiritually heals, accepts, and loves right where he is. Notice how the Critics ignore that they will no longer be terrorized by a dangerous criminal because of Jesus' influence in the man's life. Their concern? The lost profit in the dead swine. Maybe that is your problem too – more worried about the pigs than the humanity. God proves here that man is His most prized creation and will do anything to save a human heart. Also notice the charge Jesus gives to the healed man – Go be a Rock Star and live the songs! God is telling you the same thing today! Be a Jesus Freak today!

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