

Argyle LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Week 2

“The Story of Jesus: Jesus’ Ministry Begins”

1. What comes to mind when you hear the words “street preacher?”

2. Read Matthew 3:11 (NIV)

“I baptize you with water for repentance.

**But after me comes one who is more powerful than I,
whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.”**

Do you think that humility is an important characteristic of a Christian?

Why or why not?

3. Pastor Rick said the answer to our problem is not a “what” but a “who”.

Explain

4. Jesus was tempted

Read Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

**“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness
to be tempted”**

Pastor Rick’s professor made this statement:

“The first requirement for a spiritual life is 8 hours of sleep”

Explain.

5. Read God’s promise to us about temptation.

What does this mean to you?

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NCV)

**“If you think you are strong,
you should be careful not to fall.”**

**“The only temptation that has come to you
is that which everyone has.**

**But you can trust God, who will not permit you
to be tempted more than you can stand.”**

**“But when you are tempted,
he will also give you a way to escape
so that you will be able to stand it.”**

6. Jesus was not prejudiced

Read John 4:25-26 (NIV) and discuss.

**The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ)
"is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."
Then Jesus declared,
"I, the one speaking to you—I am he."**

7. The church people were always confronting Jesus.

Read Matthew 15:6-9 (NIV) and discuss

**"Thus you nullify the word of God
for the sake of your tradition."
"You hypocrites!
Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:"**

**"These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me."
"They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules."**

**8. "Our greatest problem is that we are separated from God."
Discuss.**

**9. "The answer to our problem is Jesus."
Discuss.**

**10. "Before you can know what the answer is,
you need to know who the answer is."
Discuss.**