

SKIT GUYS

GOD'S CHISEL

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 2. What stood out to you from the video?
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DISCUSS + STUDY

1. Let's set the context. The video we watched began with a verse from Ephesians, a letter to a church. Read Ephesians 2:1-10 and then answer the following questions using the Bible to support your answers.

a. Who is being described in this passage? How do you know?

b. What change have the people experienced (v. 4-5)?

c. How is this change possible (v. 4-9)?

d. What is the result of the change (v. 10)?

2. How would you describe to someone what it means to be God's masterpiece? [Think about how it starts. How does it continue?] Do you see yourself as God's masterpiece? Why or why not?

DISCUSS + STUDY (CONT.)

3. In the video, the man prayed, "Dear Heavenly Father, do whatever it takes to mold me into the image of your son. Make me your masterpiece. In Jesus' name, I pray, amen." How would you describe his prayer? Explain. Have you ever prayed like this before? Why or why not? How do you usually pray?

4. How did God answer the prayer? Is this the kind of response you would expect from God? Explain.

5. How did the man react to how God answered his prayer? Give examples of what held him back from wanting to surrender to God.

6. The character "God" pointed out that the man had been listening to too many voices for far too long other than His. Those other voices affected the man's obedience and trust in God, who loved Him so much that He sent His one and only Son to die for his sins. What can you do to ensure you hear more of God's Word and protect yourself from the lies of the world and Satan?

APPLY

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NICK VUJICIC

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DISCUSS + STUDY

1. In the video, Nick quoted John 9:1-11. Read the passage and then answer the following questions using the Bible to support your answers.

- a. Why did the disciples think the man was born blind?
- b. Why does Jesus say the man went through the hardships in his life?
- c. How were God’s works displayed in the man’s life?
- d. How do you think the man’s life changed?
- e. Nick Vujicic, from the video, was never physically healed by God. Why does he connect to this scripture? What change has he experienced from God’s works?

DISCUSS + STUDY (CONT.)

2. In the video, Nick said he had a pair of shoes ready for a miracle. However, he recognized that an even greater miracle had already taken place in his life. What is this miracle? Do you ever take this miracle for granted? Why or why not?

3. Who did God use to point Nick in the direction of what God would have for him? Who do you have in your life that helps you to know God better and what it means to live for him? What do they do to help you?

4. Nick quoted 1 Corinthians 1:27, which says, "But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong."

- a. How did God do this with the man in the John 9 passage?
- b. How did God do this in Nick's life?
- c. What does this teach you about God's ways versus the world's?

5. Nick finished his testimony by saying, "Do not ever underestimate what God can do with your broken pieces. He can do something beautiful with you, too, if you trust Him, obey Him, and hunger and thirst for His plan. Share your story with someone you love. You can tell them all about how Jesus set you free and how you know Him and He knows you, and it has changed everything for you."

- a. Describe a time when you wondered what God's plan for your life was.
 - b. How do Nick's final words challenge or encourage you?
 - c. Write down the name of someone you can share your story with to point them to Jesus: _____
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CHARLOTTE SMITH

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DISCUSS + STUDY

1. Describe Coach Smith’s journey with sports, especially as a child and teenager. In what ways do you relate to her passion and drive?
2. Why did Coach Smith feel like she failed to live up to the standards of what it means to be a Christian? She said she knew Jesus was her Savior, so why do you think she was living a life that she knew would not please Him?
3. Why did Coach Smith say she kept striving for all the accolades as a player and then as a coach? Even after receiving the high praises and recognition how did she feel on the inside? Why do you think that is?
4. Coach Smith shared two instances she felt the Holy Spirit tugging at her heart to correct her ambitions and identity. Once the Holy Spirit said to her, “What have you done for me lately?” and another time He said, “I want to be the one that fills you, that completes you. All of these things that you are accomplishing, these things fade, but I want to be your eternal hope and your eternal joy.” What does this teach you about God?

DISCUSS + STUDY (CONT.)

5. How can you be sure when it is God speaking to you and not just a random or untrue thought?

6. Read Colossians 3:1-4 and discuss the questions that follow.

"1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

a. What does the Bible say about the identity of a follower of Jesus?

b. How should you live if your life is hidden in Christ?

c. How does Colossians 3 relate to Coach Smith's testimony?

7. Coach Smith finished her testimony by saying, "We live in a generation that is all about ourselves and doing what makes us happy and what pleases us and what brings our flesh joy, but it's all about living for God. It's all about being a light for His glory. Sports are not life; it's a part of life. And the sooner you understand that the easier it is for you to take hold of your true identity. And there is a merger of sports and ministry. There is no separation. It's my faith, sports, always."

a. How would you describe Coach Smith's spiritual mindset change?

b. How do you relate to her story?

c. How does her story challenge you?

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JONATHAN EVANS

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DISCUSS + STUDY

1. At the beginning of the video, what were Jonathan's plans for his life? How did he struggle with his dream?
2. What advice did his dad give him when he was at a low in his life overseas?
 - a. Why do you think his dad would give him this advice?
 - b. Do you believe prayer is effective? Why or why not?
3. What happened when Jonathan touched the dirt and prayed to God on the football field overseas?

DISCUSS + STUDY (CONT.)

4. Reflect on Jonathan's journey: his highs and lows in his career after returning from overseas. What aspects of God did he question?

a. What doubts or questions about God have you had in your life?

b. What have you done or what can you do when you struggle with doubts?

5. How was God getting Jonathan's attention? When did he finally realize that God was redirecting him? How did he feel when he finally realized this? What did Jonathan discover was God's plan for him?

Read Proverbs 3:5-8 and 11-12

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones."

"My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights."

6. What do you learn from this passage?

7. How do these verses relate to Jonathan's story?

8. How does Jonathan's story and the scriptures encourage or challenge you?

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JEP ROBINSON

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DISCUSS + STUDY

1. How would you summarize Jep’s testimony to someone?
2. Did anything about his story surprise you?
3. What did you learn about God from his story?
4. What did you learn about people from his story?

Read Luke 15:11-24 (scripture on next page)

5. What is the purpose of this parable?
6. How does this story connect to Jep’s story?
7. What do you learn about God and people from this scripture?
8. How do you relate the scripture or Jep’s testimony?

DISCUSS + STUDY (CONT.)

Luke 15:11-42

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

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THE JESUS WAY

PHIL WICKEM

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DISCUSS + STUDY

1. What does it mean to choose the Jesus way?
2. Look back at the song. How is the Jesus way different from the way our world lives? In what ways does following the Jesus way seem difficult?
3. Read Galatians 5:13-26 below and then answer the questions that follow.

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. Keep in Step with the Spirit

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

DISCUSS + STUDY (CONT.)

- a. What does verse 13 teach you about the Christian life?
 - b. What is the relationship between the flesh and the Spirit (v. 17)?
 - c. Re-read verse 25. Living by the Spirit means that you have spiritual life and are no longer slaves to sin. What do you think it means to keep in step or walk by the Spirit?
 - d. Can you choose to live the Jesus way apart from having the Spirit? Explain. Who can have the Spirit (v. 24)?
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4. Choosing to follow Jesus is a decision each person has to come to in their lives. If you have decided to follow Jesus how would you explain to someone else why it matters to choose the Jesus way?
 5. How can you know what the Jesus way is for your life?
 6. Do you ever feel like you fall short of the Jesus way? Explain. What can we do when we fail at following Jesus?
 7. How can the people around you affect your relationship with Jesus? Who in your life inspires you to follow after Jesus no matter the cost? Explain.
 8. What do you want to remember or how is God calling you to respond after today's discussion?

PRAY

When you sing worship songs like this, Phil said, you are saying this is who I am and also who I want to be. The song becomes a prayer asking God to transform you into His likeness. Take time to pray as a group that God would help you to surrender to Him and choose the Jesus way.

THE JESUS WAY LYRICS

If you curse me, then I will bless you
If you hurt me, I will forgive
And if you hate me, then I will love you
I choose the Jesus way

If you're helpless, I will defend you
And if you're burdened, I'll share the weight
And if you're hopeless, then let me show you
There's hope in the Jesus way

I follow Jesus
I follow Jesus
He wore my sin, I'll gladly wear His name
He is the treasure
He is the answer
Oh, I choose the Jesus way [chorus]

If you strike me, I will embrace you
And if you chain me, I'll sing His praise
And if you kill me, my home is heaven
For I choose the Jesus way

[chorus]

And I choose surrender
I choose to love
Oh, God my Savior, You'll always be enough
I choose forgiveness
I choose grace
I choose to worship, no matter what I face

I choose the Jesus way
I choose the Jesus way
I choose the Jesus way
I choose the Jesus way

[chorus x2]