

SESSION 1: FROM PERFORMANCE TO GRACE

Introduction—Who's the best?

I.	Fro	m Judas Iscariot to Bill Murray
		n are very good at ke 6:12-16)
	A.	At
	B.	At
	C.	At
II.	If y	ou're going to rely on your own performance
	A.	It's a lot of
	B.	The results are not
	C.	You're not really
III.	Ch	ristianity IS NOT about
	A.	The Law brings (Romans 7:5, 1 Corinthians 15:56)
	B.	Doing good
IV.	Ch	ristianity IS about
	A.	External controls have no power over a man's
		Every man does (Romans 7)
	В.	Righteousness comes by (Romans 1:17)
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C. Which do YOU want to do?

1. Live up to ______ expectations, or

2. Let God ______

THE BIG IDEA: You can only fake it for so long. Ultimately, ______ will determine ______.

Talk About It

What are some ways performance is rewarded in your work? Home? Church?

Do you know a man who seemed to be doing most of the right things for months or even years, but ended up walking away? Why do you think that happened?

Think About It

Are you involved in some activities for performance reasons instead of heart reasons—for "face" value instead of "faith" value? Use the space below to journal your thoughts about this or anything else that has made an impression on you so far this weekend.

Pray that God would help you live an authentic life—that He would change your heart.

SESSION 2: FROM IDOLS TO "SPIRIT AND TRUTH"

Introduction—Things aren't always as they appear...

The Big Question: Is it possible that the Bible contains the solution to life's problems?

I.	Wh	at We Say We Want Is
	A.	What are men pursuing? (healthy and unhealthy)
	B.	What we really want is
		(John 4:1-26)
II.	Wh	at We Really Want Is
	A.	Three things most men want:
		1 to give their
		2 to it with
		3. A that explains why 1 and 2 are so difficult!
	B.	The most men are seeking is one that will help them
	C.	It's not about the; it's about the becoming an
		(John 4:17-18)
III.	Fin	ding What We Really Need
	A.	What we don't need
	B.	What we do need (John 4:19-24)
	C.	How do we worship the Lord in and?
		1. Root out your (John 4:25-26)
		THE BIG IDEA: I need to ask myself: What needs do I think can meet that Jesus Christ can't?

Talk About It

What idols do you see the most in the men around you? Have you ever seen religion become an idol for yourself or someone else? What's more frustrating—when a man outside the church worships money or a man inside the church worships religiousness?

What does a man need to take care of in order to worship God effectively according to these verses? Matthew 5:24; 1 Timothy 2:8; 1 John 4:20; 1 Peter 3:7; Hebrews 12:15

Think About It

How do you evaluate your sense of success? Are you looking to things other than God to fill needs only God can fill? What might those things be? Journal any additional thoughts from your table discussion.

Would you be willing to pray this prayer today?

Lord, I know that I look to these things (list them) instead of You to meet my deepest needs. I know that my true purpose and fulfillment come from You. I want to believe more fully in you Lord. Help my unbelief.