

Life Group Discussion Guide

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
EMBRACE THE AWKWARD

John 9:25-27

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INTRODUCTION

In the 1979 film "The Jerk" white comedic actor Steve Martin was asked to tell the story of his character Navin Johnson. Martin started by saying, "It was never easy for me. I was born a poor black child..." And those words began the movie detailing the ups and downs in his life.

Each of us has a story. Each of us is born a sinner. But who we are, where we came from and how we came to find Jesus are all variables that make up our unique story.

We need to be able to verbalize our own conversion story. Everyone needs salvation through Jesus. Telling our own story to others helps build relationships and may very well lead them to finding Jesus, too.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Tell the group about one of your most awkward social moments. Be sure to include all the gory details.
2. Stuart's message title was "Embrace the Awkward." In your own words, why do you think it is so difficult to building relationships with those who don't know Christ? Why is it awkward?

EVALUATE IT

1. Why do you think Christians make Christianity so complicated?
2. Think of who people you regularly interact with who do not know God loves them and forgives them. If you had to guess, what are some of the complications that have prevented them from understanding God's simple message?
3. Read John 9:25-27. Why could the religious leaders not find any holes or discrepancies in the man's testimony? What does that mean for us when we share our story of coming to Christ?
4. Answer the question Stuart asked in his sermon, "We're going to embrace the awkward and seize opportunities to be friendly, to ask questions to answer questions and even share our story. Why?"

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What steps can you take to begin embracing the awkward? How do we overcome our fears and social fears that keep us from sharing our story of transformation?
2. Ask someone in your group to share their story using the framework Stuart described.

ILLUSTRATION

"The skeptic may deny your doctrine or attack your church but he cannot honestly ignore the fact that your life has been changed."

-Charles Swindoll, Come Before Winter



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