



Here's *the* Mic

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Who is a No Matter Church for?

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the beginning of our Here's The Mic series! Together we'll be tackling hard questions you and your circle are asking about the world and God's role in it. To start, Pastor John & Pastor Jesse walked us through the question, "Who is a No Matter church for?" and how this mission shapes PLC's ministry strategies our engagement in our Little Iowa.

DISCUSSION

1. Pastor John and Pastor Jesse argue church is a gathering for both believers and unbelievers and "You won't truly get what PLC is like and for until you bring a de-churched and disconnected friend on your arm." Have you ever felt like PLC wasn't "for you" anymore? If so, how might bringing someone from your Little Iowa shift your perspective about PLC's approach to ministry?
2. **Read Matthew 22:36-40.** Pastor John and Pastor Jesse taught the deepest thing you can do in your faith is obey God and that "We're not going to reach Iowa because we know more, we're going to reach Iowa because we love more." How would you grade your obedience in loving God and loving your neighbor as informed by God's love for you?
3. **Read Acts 15:12-21.** Pastor John said, "It's always going to be messy when we try to love people like Jesus does." What fears of the messiness of other's lives can keep you from engaging in your Little Iowa? Do believe it's worth it? Why or why not?
4. Pastor John taught we should be living Jesus' love out in such a way that, "When things start to go south for somebody in your life, I want you to be the first call." How does those this picture inform your approach to your Little Iowa? How might you change your behavior, schedule, and priorities to make yourself approachable and accessible to those in your Little Iowa?

TAKE ACTION

Pause and remember. Take 10-15 minutes to look write down what it was like when you first discovered a No Matter church or that God loves you no matter what. Include where you were, who was with you, what you felt, how God met you, and what the process was like.

Make a plan. Make a list of the people God's placed you in unique proximity to. Pray, plan, and start creating opportunities to simply be present with these people so you can get to know them, learn their story, and start sharing life together.

Get ready. At some point your Little Iowa will ask about your life, faith, and church. Think and pray through how you can navigate those conversations in a way that meets them where they're at. Don't just be ready for an invitation to church, but the pre and post-conversations that come with it!

RESOURCES

Deep & Wide by Andy Stanley

The Art of Neighboring by Jay Pathank