Here's *the* Mic

wk 2 - July 3

Why is Church Worth My Time?

INTRODUCTION

In our second week of the series *Here's the Mic*, Pastor John interviews a friend of his to tackle the question "Why is church worth my time?" This interview gives us an example of how to be intentional about having conversations with our Little Iowa about church and how our Little Iowa might actually think about church.

DISCUSSION

1. Pastor John begins his interview with his friend Phil getting some background information on his family and interactions with the church as he was growing up. Why is it important to discuss these topics with people who are currently not connected to a church? How could these conversations shape future conversations?

2. In **Acts 17:22-23**, Paul is speaking to the Athenians about their foreign gods, which means he has taken the time to find out about their lives and their faith. How could you use the example of Pastor John's interview as a template for asking your friends about their faith?

3. In the above verses, how does Paul connect their faith with Jesus? **Continue reading Acts 17:24-32.** Did everyone respond positively to Paul's message? Do you ever have a fear that someone would reject you or your message?

4. What about people who respond positively to your conversation with them? How could you invite them into community with the church?

TAKE ACTION

Pray about who in your Little Iowa is far from God and needs an invitation to church.

Be intentional. Set a time to have coffee, lunch, a walk, etc. with your friend and use the example of this week's interview to talk to them about their faith and their relationship with the church.

Include. Invite your friend to events (like a cookout with your small group) where they can meet some of the people who attend your campus. Create welcoming spaces where your friends feel safe and can connect with other Christ followers.

RESOURCES

A Home at Church on RightNow Media
Sacred Roots: Why the Church Still Matters by Barna Group; available on Amazon