

Hugh Halter

Valley Church

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. This weekend, special guest speaker Hugh Halter stretched us to think more Biblically about how we can live “incarnational” lives. What were some of the things you liked or that made you really think and want to act upon?

Ponderings:

2. The word “incarnation” means “taking on flesh.” What does it mean to be the “hands and feet” of Jesus as the tangible Body of Christ in today’s world?
3. Is it possible that many Evangelical Christians have seen Jesus as primarily a ticket to Heaven – apart from the equally important reality of “incarnating” His presence in the way we live with and among others? Explain...
4. Repeatedly throughout the Gospels, Jesus is seen to be at odds with the religious power-brokers of His day, while at the same time being extremely friendly with the societal “scum” (lepers, tax-collectors, prostitutes, alcoholics, peasants, etc.). If our modern-day Christianity attracts religious people while keeping “sinners” at arm’s-length, could it be that we are not doing ministry the way Jesus did? Explain...
5. Talk honestly about the following scenarios:
 - An openly gay couple walks into church on a Sunday and sits right in front of you. What is going on inside your head?
 - A shabbily-dressed man who smells of body odor and alcohol plops down next to you at Church. What is going on inside your head?
 - A new neighbor moves in next door who smokes things that you can smell heavily from own yard. What is going on inside your head?

Promptings:

6. Are there people in your life right now whose lifestyles, behaviors and choices make you feel uncomfortable? What do you think prompts you to feel this way? How might God be calling you to change your posture toward such people? Are you willing to obey Him, even if it meant that religious people might misunderstand your actions?