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WHY BOTHER?

Safe, Accepted,
and Loved

TAKEOVER
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SENIOR HIGH- MARCH 5TH

"When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, 'Surely this is the man the Lord has chosen!' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Don't judge by a man's face or height, for this is not the one. I don't make decisions the way you do! Men judge by outward appearance, but I look at a man's thoughts and intentions.'"

1 Samuel 16:6-7 (TLB)

God sees deeper than we do. He knows everyone's heart and need.

Followers of Jesus are an extension of Him.

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for

Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NLT)

Followers of Jesus should strive to create environments where all people experience God's love and acceptance.

"Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized— whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!"

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

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QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

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1. Have you ever judged “a book by its cover” (i.e. prejudged someone)?
2. Have you ever been prejudged?
3. What do you think it takes to create an environment of love and acceptance?
4. Read Luke 7:34 & Matthew 9:1-13
 - a. When you read about Jesus being a “friend of sinners,” what does that mean to you?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
 - a. What can you apply to life from these verses?

Challenge:

Find someone you have pre-judged without getting to know them, and get to know them!



Upcoming Events

- TONIGHT- “Meh. Why Bother?” (Small Groups, Free Food Sunday)
- March 12- “Meh. Why Bother?” (Small Groups)
- March 19- “The Fight” (Small Groups)
- March 25- “The Fight” (Service Project)



We get it – walking into a new place can be very intimidating! It may even keep students from trying out our Takeover service! We've created a place to make things a little easier. The Spot is a place where students can hang out before the service, eat some breakfast, play games and connect with other students. It's an easy way to get to know a few people without the larger crowd. If you're in 7th-12th grade, come check out The Spot on Sundays, 30 minutes before the 9 and 11 am services, upstairs in room 229! Just ask any Guest Services volunteer where to find us!