

He Gets Us™

Judged by Religious People Selected Scripture

Jesus experienced religious wounds and he can heal ours too.

1. Hanging with the “wrong” people
2. Not keeping the “rules”
3. Doing good things by “evil” means

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Do you have friends or acquaintances that have been hurt by the Church? What are the most common hurts that you hear from them?
2. Would you also say that you have been hurt by religious people? Please share if you feel comfortable. Read Matthew 9:9-13, 9:32-34, and 12:1-8. How did Jesus experience some of the same types of hurts?
3. Why is it important to be specific about who hurt you rather than generalize it to the whole Church? Do you believe that God can redeem your hurts and somehow bring something good from the evil? Explain.
4. Jesus kept telling his religious critics to learn the meaning of Hosea 6:6, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." What is he trying to say to them? To us? How does that focus on mercy help us love people who are struggling with sin and brokenness? Spend some time praying for people in your life who need to feel God's mercy through you.

Memory Verse

"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:13