

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: What About Bob?
Message Title: Hang Out with Bob
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UP NEXT

• HALLOWEEN BASH WINNERS

- **Best Decoration** goes to *Donkey Kong Country* (Gibbs Life Group).
- **Best Game** goes to *Life Size Operation* (Nelson Life Group).
- Thank you everyone for helping make the event such a huge success.

- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - Our church is a collection site for OCC boxes in our area...and we've got two ways that you can get involved! One is by filling a shoebox and dropping it off on November 12th. The second way to get involved is to sign up as a volunteer to help collect the donations, count and pack them. You can volunteer on the *Events Tab* at reality.church.

- **re|engage** - Registration for next semester's re|engage class is now open. No marriage is perfect, but yours could be better. Visit reality.church/reengage.

- **Financial Peace University** - Also starting in January is our next Financial Peace University class. Mark your calendars. If your Life Group would like to take it together on your normal meeting night, in your normal meeting spot, you can do so. Please email robert.conn@reality.church for more information.

MAIN IDEA

Jesus loved without pre-conditions... So Should We!

INTRODUCTION

- During this series, we are learning about BOB (the people close to you who do not Believe the same things that you do about God or they don't feel like they would Belong when they think about attending church).
- We all have many Bob's around us. At work, at school, in our neighborhood, on our street, at the grocery store, and for many, even in our own homes.

DISCUSSION

- Would you agree that Jesus "Hung out with sinners"?
 - What is meant by that statement? What exactly did Jesus do by "hanging out" with them?
 - Does "Hang Out" mean simply occupying the same space together?
 - How do you think our post-Christian culture would define that sentence? What would they think Jesus did by "hanging out with sinners?"
 - Many people use this phrase to mean that Jesus was accepting of sin. Would you agree or disagree?
 - The Bible does give us stories of Jesus eating with sinners (as in Luke 15). And it does show us examples of how Jesus came to the aid of sinners (as in the woman caught in adultery in John 8).

However, the Bible certainly doesn't tell any stories where Christ accompanies a sinner in his sin, or sits by while a sin is being committed, or forgoes an opportunity to call a sinner to a life of holiness.

- Likewise, if we aren't to accompany a sinner in their sin, or sit by while a sin was being committed, or miss an opportunity to call a sinner to a life of holiness, how then should we "Hang Out with Bob?"
- Is "Hanging out with sinners" a blanket statement? Meaning is it something we should do at all times regardless of the philosophy of the sinner? Here are some examples:
 - should we party with friends in a strip club?
 - should we march with a friend in a LGBTQ pride parade?
 - should we allow our children to attend questionable events as long as they tell people about Jesus?
 - should we hold the weapon that our lost friend uses for harm?
 - *Before you say anything about some of these things being illegal, let's pretend they were totally legal in our society.*
 - In short, are there ever situations where we should not "Hang out with Bob"? Or at the very least be very careful? If so, what are those parameters?
 - Would you feel strongly about hanging out with Bob if he/she was not repentant of the sin in their life?
- It needs to be asked once more, what is the goal of "hanging out with Bob?"
- Who in Jesus's life looked down on Him for hanging out with sinners and tax collectors? (Hint: it wasn't other sinners and tax collectors).
 - Have someone read [\(Matthew 9:10-13\)](#)
- In Luke 4:18, Jesus quotes a verse from Isaiah. Have someone read [\(Isaiah 61:1-2\)](#)
 - In order to preach the good news to the poor, the prisoners, the blind, and the oppressed, Jesus had to have some contact with them.
- When Jesus' enemies called Him a "friend of sinners," they meant it as an insult. To His glory and our eternal benefit, Jesus endured such slights and became "a friend who sticks closer than a brother" [\(Proverbs 18:24\)](#)

APPLY IT

- Week 1 - **See Bob** (*notice people*)
- Week 2 - **Pray for Bob** (*there are no longer "those people"*)
- This Week - **Hang Out with Bob**
 - *Expand your circle (do something new)*
 - *Learn to listen*
 - *Do Life Together*