



BIG IDEA:

Scripture clearly states that there is a cost to follow Jesus. At the same time, people believe in misconceptions about the Christian faith. People, even church attenders, believe that Jesus is real, but want to get serious about following Him later in life. It is also plainly evident that our world is full of distractions and setbacks that can make it difficult to believe in Jesus.

Target Audience: Students who believe Christians have less fun than non-Christians — who believe in Jesus, but want to get serious about following Him later. They are half in and half out.

[Share a funny story when you experienced someone making a claim of Jesus being boring. One idea could be to show a clip of Ned Flanders in *The Simpsons*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFTR2JJcKUg>]

Let's pause. If you didn't grab a bulletin or pen, shoot up your hand. Take notes, write down thoughts, or doodle if you get *bored* — which would be super ironic.

Today we are talking about the misconception that Jesus is boring, [reference the story you shared].

Some people believe that following Jesus equals not having fun. Some may extend that thought and say the people I know who love Jesus are also boring. Church is boring. If I follow Jesus and really go all in, I will miss out on a lot of... fun. But I do like Jesus, and will get serious about following Him when I'm older.

To be honest, friends, I hope that on your own — by testing your beliefs — you will conclude that this is not the case. Following Jesus is the best choice you can make. He is worth it, and if you are already following Jesus, it's worth staying committed to what you have said "yes" to.

Before we unpack what I think, or who the Bible says Jesus is, I want you to take a moment and reflect on who *you* think Jesus is. On your piece of

paper, doodle in some thoughts that come to mind when you think of “Jesus.”

- Boring?
- Loving?
- Angry coach, waiting for you to mess up?

[Give students 30 seconds to write phrases or words about when they think of “Jesus”]

When I was in high school, I viewed Jesus in the same way a lot of you do. I may have even made the argument that Jesus was boring too. And I didn’t want you to just take my word for it, but wanted you to have the chance to meet “high school me.” Let’s see if we can Skype me in high school.

[<https://youtu.be/uL7oUZXRVA>]

[Watch the video above for an idea to film a fake Skype call with yourself from high school. You can pretend to do a live interview. It takes some prep, but worth it.]

One reason we can have the mindset that Jesus is boring is that we have the wrong view of who Jesus is. We think He is an angry librarian telling you to be quiet and not to have fun.

Our first thought is...

When we know Jesus as a Friend, we live a Relaxed life.

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” John 15:15 (NIV)

These are the words of Jesus. He created you to be in relationship with Him, to have a friendship with Him.

We live in a culture with so much noise. Distractions. Temptations. It can be difficult to believe we can live a “relaxed” life. We need to hold onto the promise Jesus gives us in John 15:15.



This preview includes a select number of pages from this resource.

If you like what you see, download the entire resource today!

downloadyouthministry.com