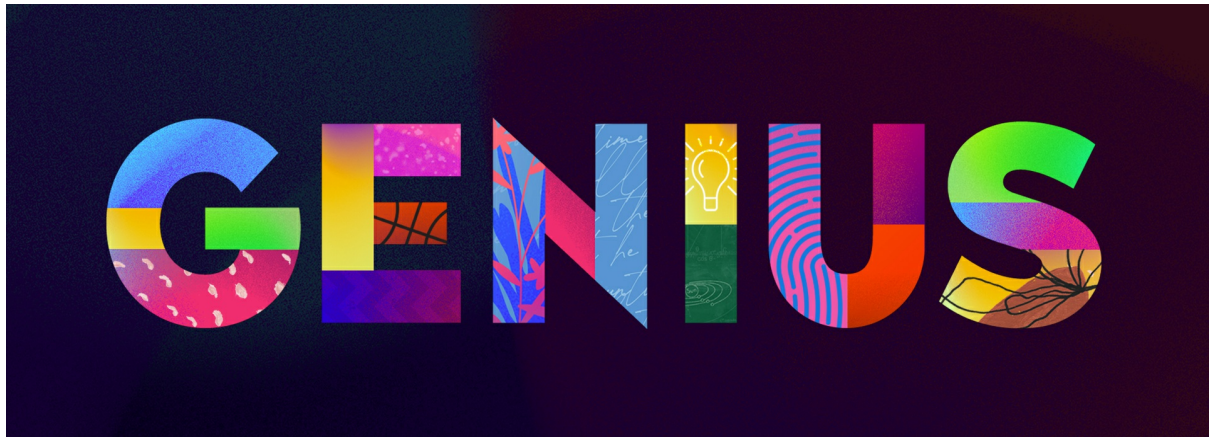


Genius: The Genius of Jesus - Pastor Mark Batterson

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The Genius of Jesus
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No matter who you are.

No matter what you do.

EVERYBODY is SOMEBODY'S DISCIPLE.

"God loves you just the way you are, but He loves you too much to let you stay that way. He wants you to be JUST LIKE JESUS."

—Max Lucado

THE GENIUS OF JESUS IS...

... storytelling.

... washing feet.

... offending pharisees.

... rewriting the rules.
... simplicity on the far side of complexity.
... forgiving seventy times seven.
... exercising authority with humility.
... spotting potential.
... empathy.
... carpentry.
... keeping the main thing the main thing.

...GRACE and TRUTH

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of GRACE and TRUTH.”

—John 1:14

Grace means I'll FORGIVE you no matter what.

Truth means I'll be HONEST with you no matter what.

... loving people when they least expect it and least deserve it

... ANSWERING QUESTIONS with QUESTIONS.

“Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God.”

... DIVERGENT Thinking!

The average child asks 125 questions per day.

The average adult asks 6.

So somewhere between childhood and adulthood, we lose 119 questions per day.

Recapture that HOLY CURIOSITY.

Jesus asked no less than 307 questions in the gospels.

We have four principles of peacemaking:

1. Ask anything.
2. Listen well
3. Disagree freely.
4. Love regardless.

1. The Genius of Jesus is PRAYER.

“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, “Lord teach us to PRAY.”

—Luke 11:1

Make sure the STILL SMALL VOICE of the Holy Spirit is the loudest voice in your life!

“The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell.”

—William Booth

1. The Genius of Jesus is the CHURCH.

“I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

—Matthew 16:18

NCC Core Conviction: the church ought to be the most CREATIVE place on the planet and the church ought to be the most DIVERSE place on the planet.

2. The Genius of Jesus is the CROSS.

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that was set before Him, Jesus endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:2