

# **Coaching Points for Life's Big Questions (Week 2): Will Religion or irreligion Help With Life's Big Questions?**

## **Key Concept:**

Help you avoid the pitfalls of religion and irreligion

## **Bible Study:**

Read Mark 5-8

## **Coaching Points**

1. Give them time to ask questions from the last week or if anything jumped out from the reading. Often, people don't have questions at the beginning because it takes a little while for them to get warmed up.
2. I gave an example of when my son tasted mercy and loved it! You may want to think of an experience in your life when you tasted the sweetness of mercy and be ready to share it.
3. Use the discussion questions to make it interactive.

## **One Page Outline**

1. Recap: Who Was Jesus? God.
  - a. Jesus demonstrated that He was God through the way he taught, healed the sick, raised the dead, had power over nature, and forgave sins
  - b. Any questions from last week?
2. Religious Approach to Life
  - a. Rule Keeping
  - b. Us/Them Mentality
  - c. Mark 2:13-17
  - d. Tax collectors

- e. Lip Service Mark 7: 1-7, 20-23
  - f. Solzhenitsyn
  - g. Can you identify? Do you have religious people in your life?  
How are you religious?
  - h. How can we avoid ending up in same place?
    - i. Thought Experiment to help avoid
    - ii. Result: (1) Don't villainize, (2) Humility
3. Irreligious Approach to Life
- i. break all the rules
  - ii. Mark 6: 14-29--996 (adulterous, incestuous relationship)
  - iii. Invictus quote
  - iv. In our world today...
    - 1. Unconsciously irreligious: Hedonistic
    - 2. Consciously irreligious: Philosophical (Dawkins)
    - 3. Can you identify? Shaped your journey?