



Discussion Guide for “Church isn’t Cool”

Reconnected Week 4

We want a faith that’s respectable, one that attracts CEOs and star athletes and rockstars. But the earliest church wasn’t cool. Even the people who respected their faith didn’t want to be associated with them. Who did? The people on the margins – the overlooked, vulnerable and uncool. What does it look like to embrace an uncool faith today?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 119:97-103; Matthew 22:23-33; Romans 6:5-11

[Click here](#) to read all scriptures

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Psalm 119:97-103](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. What does the word ‘cool’ mean to you? What do you think of as ‘cool’? Is faith cool?
2. What do you think is behind churches’ drive for respectability?
3. Revisit Acts 5:12-16. Why wouldn’t the people of Jerusalem allow themselves to be associated with the fledgling church? What does it tell you about their relationship to the people who *did* flock to the church?
4. How do you view the sins of the church’s past? Do you see any connection between them and you today?
5. Who are the most vulnerable people in our community? What does it look like for us to be good news to them?