



## PART 2: Boring Church

### INTRODUCTION

For a lot of people, their experiences going to church aren't objectionable. They are dull. Church is all about a safe and predictable routine. Nothing that is said or done appears to have any connection to their daily lives. It's about religion.

That kind of church makes it seem like God is safe, predictable, and has no connection to our daily lives. That's dangerous because God is a relationship to be enjoyed, not a religion to be endured.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had a boring church experience? Explain.
2. If you went to church growing up, was it focused on religion or relationship? How did that experience influence the way you think about God?
3. Talk about your current relationship with God. Are you enjoying it or enduring it?
4. Read Matthew 11:28-30. Are there things in your life that leave you feeling weary or burdened? How does Jesus' invitation resonate with you?
5. At the end of the message, Clay urged us to challenge ourselves by stepping out in faith and serving somewhere or inviting someone to church. Which do you need to do? How can this group support you?

### MOVING FORWARD

God has chosen to describe himself as a father. Think about that. Think about your own parents. They don't want you to *endure* a relationship with them. They want you to *enjoy* a relationship with them. That's what God wants too.

If you are bored with church or with God, challenge yourself. Join a group where you'll be encouraged to grow or get out into your community and serve others.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

**Matthew 11:28-29**