

The “Jesus” Test

These 10 questions are intended to help you reflect on the extent to which you are seeing your world the way Jesus did. Prayerfully ponder each question before jotting down a number from 1 to 10 which best depicts your heart-felt response. When you have finished add your scores together for a grand total.

Sometimes

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Always

1. Can you overlook un-Christlike attitudes and lifestyles in order to befriend not-yet Christians?
2. Are you free from judgmental thoughts when you are around people who do not believe or behave like you do?
3. Do you consistently seek to understand the not-yet-Christians you know before seeking to be understood by them?
4. Are you patient enough to wait for the not-yet-Christians in your life to ask you for your opinion on a topic?
5. Do you like people who are far from God?
6. Do people who are far from God like you? For example, are you invited to their “party-parties”?
7. Does your body language communicate an openhearted acceptance for the not-yet-Christians in your life?
8. Are you able to communicate unconditional acceptance to not-yet-Christians without endorsing their lifestyles?
9. In your relationships with not-yet-Christians, do you offer kindness more than “rightness”?
10. Is your heart often broken and full of compassion for the not-yet-Christians in your life?

90 to 100: Congratulations! Don’t be surprised if other Christians frequently misunderstand you. If you are going to be a Christ follower being a “friend of sinners” is part of the journey (see Luke 15). So is being misunderstood!

70 to 90: You must decrease, Jesus must increase, one heart attitude at a time. If most of your friends are Christians, join a new club, pursue a hobby with others, be intentional about being in close proximity with people who are far from God. God will often use lost people to save you from the attitudes of your heart that need to be transformed.

Under 70: Jesus needs to do something in you before he can do something through you. You might want to read *The Prodigal God* by Tim Keller. You might also find it helpful to begin each day with this prayer: *Lord Jesus, help me to see the people who will cross my path this day the way you do.*

Note: *The great need of the hour is for Christ followers everywhere to leave the church each weekend inwardly strong but outwardly focused, ready to engage the people in their Monday through Saturday worlds with the good news of the gospel. If you are trying to figure out how to do this in practical, doable, and authentic ways, please pick up a copy of “God Space” and try some of the faith adventure challenges at the end of each chapter. You will find other outwardly focused resources on my website at GodsGPS.com.*