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Sharing a More Irresistible Faith - Part 4 | EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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This huddle is a walk through Andy Stanley's book [Irresistible](#) in four sessions. Each session is based on one of the four parts in the book. Have participants watch this [video of Andy](#) to get an idea of what it's all about.

Part 4 (Chapters 21 through 24)

1. In *Irresistible*, Andy made a series of provocative claims regarding what's possible when people "outside the faith" are treated not with disdain but with dignity. He writes,

It's remarkable what happens when people don't feel like they have to choose between science and Christianity. It's remarkable what happens when Jewish folks are given the option to follow Jesus' teaching without feeling pressured to embrace him as Messiah. It's remarkable what happens when a high school student realizes the creation story is not the make or break for her faith. It's remarkable what happens when you give skeptics the benefit of the doubt. It's remarkable what happens when you allow people to discover they are sinners rather than accusing them of it. It's remarkable what happens when thoughtful Christians, who for years harbored secret doubts and questions, discover that the foundation of their faith is not an inerrant text or non-contradicting Gospels. It's remarkable what happens when college freshmen discover that the violence and unsubstantiated historical references in the Old Testament don't undermine the message of Jesus. It's remarkable what happens when a biology major discovers his Christian faith doesn't teeter on the brink of irrelevance based on how long it took the universe

to form. It's remarkable what happens when thoughtful, educated, skeptical men and women are invited to embrace the message of Jesus without having to believe a man put two of every kind of animal on a boat after which God flooded the world and killed everybody but that man and his family.

Any of these hit home for you? What about for your friends and family members you love? Which of the above statements make you want to stand up and cheer? Anything you'd add to this list?

2. Andy writes

Appealing to post-Christian people on the basis of the authority of Scripture has essentially the same effect as a Muslim Imam appealing to you on the basis of the authority of the Quran. You may or may not already know what the Quran says. But it doesn't matter. You don't view it as authoritative.

How would this reality change how you would explain what you believe to an agnostic millennial?

3. He goes on to say

First-century Christians prayed for boldness, not revival. Perhaps we should pray for a revival of boldness.

How would that change of prayer, change you? How does the fact that most members of this generation still have a "crush on Jesus" affect your boldness?

4. Andy further says

It's remarkable what happens when you allow people to discover they are sinners rather than accusing them of it.

Can you think of a time when you saw that happen? What happened?

5. And he says

I've never heard a de-conversion story involving disbelief in something essential to following Jesus.

Have you?

6. How would you explain Andy's illustration of the birth certificate at the opening of Chapter 23 to someone else? How does this impact your confidence in sharing your faith in Jesus?

7. Andy states

We would do our generation a great service if we would leverage the actual source of our authority rather than the fourth-century title someone gave to our collection of sacred manuscripts.

This means referencing Luke and who he is, rather than "The Bible." What author and claim found in the Bible do you find most compelling to share when it comes to the resurrection?