

Missing Pieces: Approval Addicts
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1. In the Seinfeld video, George decided he needed to do the opposite of his normal inclinations to try to succeed. Have you never tried doing the opposite of what you would normally do? If so, how did that go for you?
2. Are you convinced that the Bible is God's Word? How important is it to you to stay true to the Bible?
3. How does God's Word compare with "common knowledge"? Why would God's Word appear to be "silly" to the world?
4. How does the world's view of God and Christianity influence the way you live? Have you ever been mocked for believing in God or in the Bible? What was the outcome? Were you able to stand firm in your beliefs and convictions?
5. Are you more about looking good for the crowd or more about doing what God calls you to do? Would you consider yourself a people pleaser or a God pleaser?
6. Pastor Mark was pretty amazed that his dad, in choosing players for a team, picked him first. Has this sort of choosing ever happened to you? How does this story represent the way that God our Father interacts with us as His children?
7. Read Matthew 18:12-13.
What do these verses say about God's heart towards us, that he would go after the "stupid" sheep? Why does this appear to be illogical?
8. How does our faithfulness in trusting in God's word allow us to partner with Him in bringing the lost sheep home?
9. Is there something "crazy" that you feel like God is telling you to do? What steps can you take this week to be obedient in doing whatever that thing might be?