

MODERN DAY JESUS

Here's an exercise that will not only provide you with a good index of your youth group's perception of Jesus Christ, but will also provide clues to their understanding of the implications of being a Christian today. Ask the group to respond to the list of questions below as if they were Jesus Christ here and now. Stress the fact that there are no right or wrong answers to this exercise. The main thing is that each person respond based on how they think Christ would respond if he were alive today.

1. What kind of clothes do you wear? Do you identify with any particular class of people (poor, middle or upper class, minority groups, etc.)?
2. Describe your family relationships (to your mother, father, brothers, sisters). Do you have a girlfriend? Will you marry?
3. What kind of people do you hang around with? What do you talk about?
4. What do you look like?
5. Where do you spend most of your time? What is your favorite hang-out?
6. Are you a controversial figure? Why or why not?
7. How do you feel about the church today? How do you get along with the religious leaders today?
8. How do you feel about the way things are in this country?
9. What are your goals for the next 10 years?
10. How would you get your message out to as many people as possible? (Think this one through carefully. Is mass media the best way to get your message across?)
11. What are you politically? Are you a member of a specific party? What would you consider the important political issues?

After everyone has answered the questions individually, then discuss them with the entire group. To move the discussion from the hypothetical to the actual, ask whether or not we as Christians should respond to those questions in the same manner as our imagined, modern Christ. Aren't we to follow Christ and to pattern our lives after his example?