

CRAZY Like Us

You Just Think You Are

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00:01 Speaker 1: In John 6, there's John who was an eyewitness of the life of Jesus, like Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, we have four accounts of Jesus's life, it's so cool. John records a sermon in John 6 where Jesus loses the crowd, it's his worst sermon ever, everybody has the worst sermon ever. And during the sermon, you read it for yourself, it's a very strange sermon, it's a very odd sermon, and everybody apparently thought it was odd. And John tells us, he was there, and he said, "This is the day we lost the crowd". This is the day that everybody was so offended, they said, "You know what? We like the free food, we like the miracles, but that's just too strange for us, we're outta here". And Jesus lost the crowd.

00:37 S1: So as I was moving into this series and preparing for this series, it dawned on me this week, "This may be my John 6 moment where all of you say, "You know what, Andy? It's been fun, we like the music and the environment, but that is just too offensive". Because in John 6, it said, "The crowd was actually so offended by what Jesus said, they just walked away". So I decided we're just gonna plunge ahead anyway and at the risk of the most offensive series I've ever done, we're just gonna do this. And so... And here's why this is gonna be offensive for some of you, but I hope you'll come back anyway. The reason it's offensive is because I want to teach you how to do something that you think you already know how to do. And I'm not trying to get you to do something, I'm trying to teach you how to do something. So, it's gonna be a little confusing maybe upfront.

01:23 S1: And the reason I decided to do this is because I know... We know, statistically, that most Americans are not this and do not know how to do this. Now, I don't think your average Americans... In fact, if you attend one of our churches you're way above average. Even if this is your first time, you're around way above average people and you become like the people you hang around with. So you should just hang around at one of our churches, you'll become above average. But chances are, we probably represent to some extent the average American in some capacity, and I'm afraid maybe in this capacity we do. So at the risk of offending most of you, if not all of you, I've decided to teach you how to do something you probably think you already know how to do. But if no one has ever taught you how to do it, you probably think you know how, but you don't.

02:06 S1: So what I'm gonna do for the next three weeks is I wanna teach you how to be generous. Not how to give, all of you know how to give, everybody knows how to give, everybody in America knows how to give. This is... This is a be versus a do. I'm not trying to get you to do something, I wanna teach you for the next three weeks how to be generous. Now, as soon as I say that I know what you think, 'cause I'm the same way. As soon as somebody says you don't do