

Michael Franzese

Mob Boss to Model Citizen



1. Who is the least likely person you personally know to become a follower of Jesus? What makes this so unlikely in your mind?
2. As Michael talked about his experience entering the mob, what did you hear that mirrors the experience of becoming a follower of Jesus?
3. What actions/sins do people tend to think are unforgivable in their lives? What does the Bible say about this (check out 1 John 1:9, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 5:6-8)? Why do we sometimes find this hard to accept?
4. Michael talked about needing solid evidence before he could accept the truth of God. What objections do you hear from people who don't believe the Bible? What evidence do you know of that might help people accept the validity of the Bible? Check out <http://cccomaha.org/101.php> for some helpful resources on the subject.
5. Michael also talked about God's work in transforming the way he thought. Have someone read [Romans 12:1-2](#) aloud. How has God transformed your way of thinking? Were there particular people or circumstances that were a catalyst in that transformation? What behaviors or disciplines have you found helpful to position yourself to embrace God's transforming work?
6. As we take lessons from Michael Franzese's life, consider these things:
 - No one is beyond the power of the gospel. Commit to pray for that "least likely" person to come to faith in Jesus for 1 minute every day.
 - Is there some lingering guilt for some past or current sin in your life? Ask God to enable you to accept the forgiveness He has already granted you through Jesus. If possible, share this with someone in the group so that they can encourage and support you.
 - In what way do you need God to transform your mind (way of thinking)? Ask God to make this specific change in you. Tell someone in the group and ask them to pray for you and hold you accountable as you embrace God's transformative work.