

John at a Glance

Raised Catholic and sending his kids to Catholic schools, doesn't feel a connection to Jesus; he goes to Mass irregularly out of habit

Knows he should feel a connection to his Catholic roots and feels guilty about his lack of feeling

Is disconnected from the Church because of certain moral teachings, political implications and feels out of pace with the Church

Financially supports the Church because it makes him feel better for questioning it

Relates to Pope Francis better than the priests in his parish and wishes they could be ore like him

He may just stop going to church all together once all three of his kids are out of the house



Meet John...

- John is a married father of two kids. One of them is in high school, and one is a freshman in college. He was raised Catholic, attended Catholic schools and sent his own children to Catholic schools because he thinks it's the right thing to do.
- He takes his family to Mass as often as his schedule allows, but life is busy with his kids' commitments as well as his own, and some Sundays, he really just wants to sleep in. And, when he is at Mass, his mind often drifts. He finds himself thinking about work or money or where the family will go to breakfast when church is over. The homily never feels very relevant to his life, so he goes to Mass assuming he won't get much out of it.
- John has never felt as if he has a personal relationship with Jesus; for him, it's more about doing what he saw his parents do – go to church, give money and support the schools.
- Lately, he's felt even more distant. Between the moral teachings on sex, the abuse scandal and certain political issues where he just doesn't agree with the Church, he often feels out of pace with the Church.
- Pope Francis is someone who does intrigue him. He likes his focus on charity and caring for the poor and feels like his words represent how most people feel. He wonders why more priests can't be like him.
- John feels guilty for even having these thoughts. Even though he isn't fulfilled, he doesn't think there's anything he can do about it. He may just stop going to church all together once all three of his kids are out of the house.