

## Who is Jesus?

### Small Group Guide

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part altogether, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What's one thing you believed about Jesus when you were younger that has changed or deepened as you've grown in your faith?
2. If you could ask Jesus one question and get an immediate, direct answer, what would it be and why?

**Read the following passage:** Mark 8:27-33

This week's message was all about answering the big question: *Who is Jesus?* People have been trying to figure this out for thousands of years, and it's still the most important question we can ask. The sermon took us to that moment in the Bible where Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" and Peter nailed it by calling Him the Messiah. But then Jesus went on to call Himself the "Son of Man," which wasn't just a fancy nickname. It had a lot of meaning, connected to some deep stuff in the Old Testament, like Daniel's visions about this heavenly figure with major authority.

But the big takeaway is that how we personally understand Jesus—especially as the Son of Man and Messiah—totally impacts how we live. It's not just about thinking of Him as a good teacher or a nice guy. It's about seeing Him as God, who came to fix the mess between us and God. The sermon wrapped up with an invitation to really think about who Jesus is to each of us personally. Because when we get that right, it changes everything about our lives.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. When you think about who Jesus is to *you*, do you feel like your answer matches how you actually live? Where do you see a gap between what you say and how you act?
2. Jesus called Himself the "Son of Man," which speaks to His authority but also His humanity. How does knowing Jesus gets your struggles change the way you relate to Him? Where do you still struggle to believe He understands your pain?
3. What's one area in your life where you feel God is asking you to trust Him, but you keep holding back? Why is it hard for you to let go in that area?
4. Think about a time when culture or society's expectations made you hesitate in fully living out your faith. What was at stake for you? How did you handle it, and how would you like to handle it differently next time?

5. What's one misconception you've had about God that has been hard to let go of? How has that impacted your relationship with Him?
6. Jesus didn't come to make life easier, but to call us into something deeper. Where in your life have you been hoping for an "easy" Jesus, and how might God be calling you to a more challenging path of faith?
7. We talk about making Jesus the center of our lives, but what's one specific area where you've kept Him on the sidelines? What would it look like to bring Him into the middle of that?

**Pray**