

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Scripture: John 5:16-30

- Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic, or He is Lord.
- Jesus the Son is equal to God the Father.
- Judgement depends on Jesus.
- Jesus alone has the authority to move us from death to life.

Who is Jesus to you?

GET TALKING

Are you a good wheeler and dealer in negotiating or terrible at it? Share an experience where you had to negotiate. What would you say makes negotiations successful in a situation?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Take some time to check in with each other. How did you see God at work this week? Any progress on intentions made or prayers answered?
2. Read through John 5:16-30 slowly. Highlight or make notes of what authority Jesus has; what He can or cannot do. What observations did you make? What feelings, concerns or questions do these verses bring up?

The Jewish leaders were enraged and wanted to kill Jesus for the statements He made. The Bible is very clear about who Jesus is and what He came to do. Let's go deeper into the observations Pastor Bob shared with us in his message.

3. **Jesus the Son is equal to God the Father.** Read all or some of the following verses: John 1:1-4 & 14, Colossians 1:15-17 & 2:9, Hebrews 1:2-3, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Isaiah 9:6 Matthew 11:27. How do they speak to Jesus' relationship to God the Father? What are some ways people compromise who Jesus is in order not to offend others or make Him more palatable?
4. **Judgement depends on Jesus.** Let's consider the Jewish rulers' perspectives. Have you ever been in a situation where someone else in authority doesn't follow the expectations or rules you are held to and believe they should too?
 - o How do you or, do you want to respond in situations such as this?
 - o What do you make of John 5:24-25? Can you find any other scripture to help clarify how "the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God" and live? In other words, what does the Bible say about how we receive eternal life?
5. **Jesus alone has the authority to move us from death to life.** Why is this idea of believing and trusting in Jesus alone hard for so many to accept?
 - o Who do you say Jesus is?
 - o If you do believe Jesus is Lord, how do you show that to the world around you in your daily life?

PRAYER

In these scriptures we read about who Jesus is and what authority He has. You may want to take time today to fully let it sink in exactly who Jesus is and to listen for His voice. Here are some ideas to guide your time.

- Proclaim the truth of who Jesus is straight from scripture: Son of God, Light of life, Savior of the world, Prince of Peace, Good Shepherd, etc.
- Thank Jesus for all He has done, and for the price He paid so we could have eternal life through Him.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to share with you what God wants you to hear and know, then take the time to listen (start with 3 minutes if this is new and uncomfortable for you). Put some instrumental music on if it helps. Journal what you hear during this quiet time of listening. Share what you heard with each other if you feel comfortable. Praise God for these revelations.