

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: BELIEVE

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Message: The Greatness of Jesus

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Memory Verse: John 13:34-35 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: The greatness of Jesus is displayed in His divine nature and His saving love.

Read John 1:1-18

1. The Word existed from the very beginning, is with God, and is God (vv 1-2). Jesus is later identified as the Word (v 14). Why is it important to know that Jesus is God and not just a prophet or teacher? How does your perspective of Jesus shift knowing that He has been since the beginning? How would you explain to someone why it matters that Christians believe Jesus is fully God?
2. Jesus is called the light of all mankind that darkness has not overcome (vv 4-5). Where have you witnessed Jesus lighting up the darkness, either in your own life or in something going on in the world? Have you ever found it difficult to trust that light will overcome darkness, especially when the world feels so broken? How can you live in a way that reflects Jesus' light to those struggling with darkness?
3. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify about the light so that through Him all might believe (vv 6-8). What does it look like for someone to be a faithful witness for Jesus today? How does your life reflect the light of Christ?



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to those around you? Can you think of someone whose life or faith helped you see Jesus more clearly? What did their witness look like?

4. Even though He was the creator of the world, the world did not recognize or receive Him (vv 10-11). Why do you think people, then and now, struggle to recognize Jesus, even though He is the Creator? What distractions, assumptions, or expectations might prevent us from seeing Jesus clearly in our everyday lives? Have you ever realized after the fact that God was working in a situation you didn't recognize at the time? What helped you see it in hindsight?
5. Those who receive Jesus are given the right to become children of God (vv 12-13). Being raised in a Christian family isn't the same as personally following Jesus. How/When did that become real for you? Does your earthly experience with your biological father impact your view or relationship with your heavenly Father?
6. Jesus became fully human and dwelled with us (v 14). This means He ate, slept, and experienced emotions like you and me. Why is Jesus' humanity important to our faith? When you feel weak or misunderstood, how can Jesus' earthly life offer comfort or confidence? What might it reveal about God's character that He chose to come near, not as a king in a palace, but as a man among ordinary people?
7. Jesus, full of grace and truth, revealed the glory of God in a way the Law never could (vv 14-17). What does it mean to live a life shaped by both grace and truth? Where do you find it easier to lean toward one over the other? How can we affirm the continued relevance and divine origin of the Law (from Moses) without diminishing the necessity and power of grace and truth (from Jesus)?
8. No one has seen God, but Jesus makes Him known (v 18). What parts of Jesus' life, words, and actions help us understand what God is really like? Why do you think it matters that Jesus is the one who makes God known, rather than human ideas, traditions, or even emotions (see also, Hebrews 1:1-2)?



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