

Jesus small Group Lesson #1 of 6

Preparation: Everyone will need a piece of paper and something to write with.

ICE Breaker:

If you could spend one day with anyone in the world at any time in the world's history, who would you spend time with?

Many of us would say Jesus.

Why would so many want to spend a day with Jesus?

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

Mathew 16

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" **14** They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. **17** Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you that you are Peter, ^[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades ^[c] will not overcome it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be ^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be ^[e] loosed in heaven." **20** Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Jesus asked his disciples a very important question, who do people think Jesus is?

Today in our world, who do people think Jesus is?

In his day they thought he was John the Baptist resurrected, Elijah or one of the Prophets.

Does anyone know what most of the world teaches about Jesus?

Buddhist ? = Teach Jesus was one of many great teachers
Hindus ? = He was a great teacher
Muslims ? = He was one of the great Prophets

Even some of the largest American Religious groups

“Jehovah’s Witnesses” = He was an Angel
Mormons = Jesus was Lucifer’s brother and a created being much like an Angel.

What do you think the average non-religious person thinks he is?

Jesus asks the Apostles “Who do you say that I am” ? (verse 15)

What is a “Messiah” ?

Messiah, [Hebrew](#):

In simple language, the Messiah is God’s chosen instrument to save the world. “Mashiah” is the Hebrew term and is translated to Greek as “Khristos” but they are the same idea. By the time Paul’s letters were being circulated the church used the term as part of Jesus name “JESUS the CHRIST” or simply “JESUS CHRIST”. Everyone was clear that he was not just a Prophet or even an Angel but rather the Savior of the world.

Peter also says “son of God” . They knew he was more than a Prophet or Angel. He was God’s son !

Who do you say that Jesus is? Who is he to you?

How does Jesus help you?

What difference does he make in your life?

How does he affect your Dating/Marriage?

How does he affect your family/household?

How does he affect you as a person at work/school?

If you could tell the whole world about Jesus what would you say to them about Jesus in one 10 sentences or less.

Everybody take out a piece of paper and write your testimony about Jesus .

Listen to one of the testimonies in the bible about Jesus then write your own:

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. **21** Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of [\[g\]](#) your evil behavior. **22** But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation — **23** if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. **Colossians 1**

Now write your own..

End : Everyone shares his or her Testimony about Jesus.