



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Matthew 16:13–28

Topic: Son of God, Jesus Christ

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus is the Son of God who invites us into a new identity through a relationship with him.

Application Point: When we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, we will live differently by following him.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What are some of the ways the world tries to define people's identity?
3. How does God determine someone's identity?
4. Why is it important to have personal faith, not just the faith of our family or heritage?
5. How has following Jesus made a difference in your life?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 2

Text: Matthew 20:1–28

Topic: Christ the King, Jesus Christ, Kingship of Christ

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus is the king of an upside-down kingdom where the first will be last and the last will be first.

Application Point: We must follow Jesus's example and be willing to lay down our lives in order to find them.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the common theme or message of the three parts of today's passage?
3. How did Jesus establish the differences between his kingdom and worldly systems?
4. What does following Jesus look like on a day-to-day basis for you?
5. How might God be inviting you to change what is first and/or last in your life today?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Matthew 21:33–46

Topic: Christ the Capstone, Jesus Christ

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus warns his critics that he is the capstone, the One God has chosen to save those who believe in him and judge those who do not.

Application Point: We will either reject Jesus or receive him as Lord.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Who was the original audience to this parable?
3. Why is the story Jesus told so important?
4. What would you say to someone who claims that they believe in Jesus as one of many ways to God?
5. Have you received Jesus as your own Savior? How and when did that happen?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Matthew 26:1–13

Topic: Anointed One, Messiah, Christ

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus is the Anointed One chosen by God to pay for the sins of the world.

Application Point: Like Mary did, we can give Jesus our unbridled affection and devotion.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does this passage show us about worship?
3. How did Jesus feel about this special anointing gift?
4. Why was Mary's gift so offensive to some?
5. What is your favorite way to show your affection to God?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 5

Text: Matthew 26:36–56

Topic: Surrender, Obedience, God's Will, Jesus Christ

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus is the surrendered One who completely gave himself to the Father's will.

Application Point: Because we trust God's way is better, we can surrender our own wills for the sake of embracing God's.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. In what ways do we see evidence of Jesus surrendering his own will?
3. How is trust related to a willingness to surrender?
4. Have you ever trusted God and laid down your will as a result? What happened?
5. Is there any area of your life right now that you need to surrender to the Lord?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 6

Text: Matthew 27:11–31

Topic: Lamb of God, Atonement, Passover

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus is the Lamb of God who paid for sin with his life and suffered silently when he was scorned.

Application Point: We can die to sin and live for righteousness because of Jesus's sacrifice.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why is the timing of this event during the Passover important?
3. What other Scriptures relate to Jesus being like a lamb or remaining silent under mockery?
4. Have you ever been mocked, misunderstood, or misrepresented? How difficult was it to remain silent?
5. Is there a specific area of your life right now where you desire to see less sin and more righteousness?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 7

Text: Matthew 27:32–61

Topic: Son of Man, Humanity of Christ, the Cross, Salvation, Atonement

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus is the Son of Man who suffered and died on a cross.

Application Point: We must follow Jesus as a trustworthy Savior who took our rightful punishment.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Is there anything in this passage that you find surprising?
3. Why do you think it is important that Jesus had a fully human body that suffered and felt pain?
4. How does knowing Jesus suffered in your place affect you?
5. Have you trusted Jesus as your personal Savior? How and when did that happen?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 8

Text: Matthew 28:1–20

Topic: Resurrection, Life after Death, Jesus Christ, Evangelism

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus is the risen One who defeated death as a display of his ultimate authority over heaven and earth.

Application Point: Jesus sends us out into all the world to tell others about who he is.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does Jesus's authority have to do with our commission to go out to the world?
3. Why is it important to believe in Jesus's physical and literal resurrection?
4. What is one of the most challenging things for you about evangelism?
5. Would anyone like to practice sharing your testimony?
6. How can I pray for you?