

GROWING IN FAITH



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STARTING OUT

Begin with a prayer. You can offer your own prayer or use the one below. Jesus, You came into this world to show us your great love. You reveal yourself to us in new and fresh ways each and every day. Help us to draw near to You, open our hearts to You, and trust our lives to You.

Read the scripture verse for the day - Matthew 16:13-20

PLAY THE VIDEO

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The question of what we believe about Jesus is referred to in theology as “Christology”. Christology explores various beliefs about Christ and the role of Christ.

Make a list of some of the things you believe about Jesus as a group. Be sure to include what you believe about Jesus’s humanity and divinity on that list, as well as some of His attributes.

How do any of these beliefs about Jesus impact the way you live your life?
How does what you believe about Jesus affect what you believe about salvation?

How does what you believe about Jesus affect what you believe about the Church?

Josh talked Caesarea Philippi as the “Sin City” of its day that had a history of idol worship, debauchery, and violence.

Can you think of a place like that today around the world or close to home?
What would it look like to bring God’s Kingdom to that place?

Jesus believed it was in places like Caesarea Philippi where there was no hope or light that the Church could be started and be a powerful force.

Why do you think Jesus believed that?

Do you think it’s easier to place trust in God when you have no hope or when life is going well and everything is easy?

What implications does our answer have on how we live out our faith?

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Jesus clearly gives Peter a special role in the building of the Church because of how he answered this question.

Is Peter a representative of all disciples who answer the question this way, or did he have a unique role that can never be duplicated?

How did Peter know who Jesus was?

Jesus commands the disciples not to tell anyone who He is. This is a common commandment that Jesus gives in Mark’s gospel, but not in Matthew’s.

Do you agree with Josh that Jesus wanted the disciples to show people who Jesus is by their actions, rather than just tell people with their words? Why or why not?

What are some ideas of things you can do as a group to show people who Jesus is?

If someone did not know anything about Jesus and asked you who He was, what would you tell them?

As you conclude this series, take time as a group to consider what you would like to study next to continue growing in your faith and deepening your understanding of the Bible.

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words.”
- St. Francis of Assisi

Closing

Take time to lift up joys and concerns in your group before closing in prayer. You can offer your own prayer or use the one below.

Almighty God, thank you for the way You have brought us together to wrestle with deep questions that challenge us in our faith and our lives. Send us out from this group to share the good news of Your love in the world around us. Help us to bring light to the dark places of this world and hope to the hopeless. Thank You for Your grace that always sustains us. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.