



Relationship with God - Session 2: Who is Jesus?

***{Start with reviewing the previous Meetings Challenge or discuss prior to sharing this week's challenge.}**

Opening Prayer: Begin with a brief moment of silence shaking off any and all distractions or difficulties of the day and remembering that God is always with us.

Read: Matthew 16:13-20

After the Reading Conclude with this prayer:

Dear Father, as we gather tonight, we want to thank You for an opportunity to meet again as a group this week. We pray for our ears and hearts to be opened so we may come to understand who You are and who we are to You. Continue to watch over us and help us to feel the love You wish to shower over us. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Reflection or Discussion Question:

1. In the reading today, why do you think Jesus instructed the disciples to not tell others He was the Messiah?
2. Who do you say Jesus is?

YouTube Video: Who is Jesus? by Matthew Kelly (6:16 Min)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZA-lql5yphs>

Reflection or Discussion Questions:

3. Matthew Kelly referenced C.S. Lewis when he said “We have 3 choices when it comes to Jesus: he’s either a liar, a lunatic, or the Messiah he claims to be.” What are your thoughts on these 3 choices?
4. Matthew Kelly spoke about how society tragically wants to reduce Jesus to 'just a nice guy.' What do you think about this? Does it matter?"
5. What aspects of the evidence presented did you find convincing/not convincing?
6. After this video, how would you answer, “the Jesus question: Who do you say I am”?

Session Challenge:

- Reflect on this Scripture verse - “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:16-17)

Closing Prayer: (Leaders: We recommended offering time during the closing prayer for participants to offer personal intentions.)

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith in our lives. Your goodness and grace are endless. Help us to align our lives with Your purposes. Guide us as we walk with unwavering faith in You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so we may become vibrant signs of your existence in this world. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.