

LIFEGROUPS

BASICS — The Claims of Christ

JESUS' UNIQUE QUESTION

Read Matt 16:15-17

The unique question Jesus asks each of us is this: Who do you say I am?

1. What does this verse say about how we come to know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?

JESUS' UNIQUE MINISTRY

Read Luke 4:18-19. *This is Jesus' unique ministry.*

2. How do you think Jesus intended to fulfill this ministry? What role do you think you play in it?

JESUS' UNIQUE WORK

Read John 3:36, John 6:29, John 12:32

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3. How do these verses say you should respond to Jesus' claims about himself

JESUS' UNIQUE LOVE

Read Matthew 10:37 & Luke 14:26

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4. Think of who you love in this world more than anyone else. Can you love Christ more than that person? (That's all he means by "hate" others) How would you show it?

JESUS' UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Read John 5:37-40, John 6:44, John 12:49-50, Matthew 11:27, John 14:8-10

5. How would you explain these verses to someone who didn't believe Jesus was God?

LEADER'S NOTES

These questions come from a study from John Stott's book, *Basic Christianity*. This study was developed by William H. Gross www.onthewing.org

It's a look at what Jesus said about himself, so it can help reinforce what we believe.

6. Just as the Father sent Jesus, Jesus sends us into the world to proclaim the Gospel (the Great Commission Mat. 28:18-20). Does someone who sees you, see the One who sent you? How might that come to be?

SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOUR LIFE

7. What are some challenges or obstacles that keep you from sharing with people about Jesus?
8. How do you follow the Spirit in sharing Christ?
9. Knowing that Jesus is God, should that affect your everyday attitude?