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DISCUSSION GUIDE

# JESUS IS...

**Historical • Influential • Powerful**

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# Jesus Is...: Week 2

## *Jesus is Influential*

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus is our faith.

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 16:21-27

### OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Who was an influential person that impacted you from your childhood?
2. Share a favorite Easter memory.

### IN THE WORD

1. Which institutions like hospitals or education, best reflect what Jesus is saying in [Matthew 25:36-40](#)?
2. Read [John 8:31b-32](#). Give some examples of what this freedom looks like.
3. Name ways Jesus did what we read about in [Matthew 16:21](#).
4. Put [Matthew 16:24](#) in your own words as if you were sharing it with a friend that may not understand the verse.
5. How can you use [Matthew 16:27](#) in a positive way to share about Jesus?

## MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Who has inspired you by living out the truth of [Matthew 25:40b](#)?
2. Have you ever “run toward the fire”? What happened?
3. Name some ways that are challenging for you to “strain to carry the pain.”
4. What does it look like to lose your life for Jesus?
5. How can we help each other to “deny ourselves” and keep the end reward in mind while following Jesus?

## GOD IS ONE STEP AWAY

It is said that almost 80% of people would accept an invitation to an Easter church service if asked. Name some people you will invite this Easter.

## CONTINUED LEARNING

Read [Matthew 20:1-19](#). How does this passage help you see the truth that life does not seem fair, but in the end Jesus makes it all work out?

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

Book - *Who is This Man?* by John Ortberg

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