



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 3 - Why Should I Care?

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Icebreaker: Have you ever met a person that you thought was a certain way but in reality, they were different from what you expected? Share about that experience.

Example: One time when I played pickup basketball in college, Adam Sandler came up to us and asked if we wanted to play 3 on 3. I was starstruck and shocked! But as I played with him, I realized that he was very serious and did not have a smile on during the game (not at all a comedian, hahah). -Peter Koo

1) In Mark 8:27-30, Jesus asks his disciples two questions:

Who do people say that I am?

Who do you say that I am?

Take some time to dig into the passages and discuss the disciples' responses. What are some observations or questions that you have from the passage?

2) How has Jesus become a real person to you? Share about a time in your life when an encounter with Jesus impacted your life in a powerful way. What aspects of Jesus' character and personhood stood out to you?

3) In Mark 8:36, Jesus asks his disciples a third question:

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

In the surrounding verses, Jesus foretells His death and resurrection. Notice the way that His disciple Peter responds. What does this show you about his (and probably the other disciples') understanding of who Jesus is? In what ways do you feel like your own view of Jesus is incomplete? *"A partial understanding of who Jesus is & what He does ... only leads to a lifetime of frustration & expectations unmet"* -P. Tom Kang

4) Biblical Christianity acknowledges the fact that despite the many miracles, breakthroughs and answered prayers in Jesus' name, that there are other situations where Jesus doesn't seem to come through. Where have you seen Jesus come through? Where have you seen Him not come through? How do you personally reconcile/come to terms with that tension?

5) Go around and answer the question that Jesus asks for yourself:

Who do you say that I am?

6) Spend some time in prayer for one another.