

Dependence in identity is core

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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Theme

On Sunday we continued our divine yet dependent series looking at how dependence is found in the very identity of Jesus and us.

Scriptures

John 1:19-34

Psalm 23

Outline

Through part 2 of Divine yet dependent we saw Jesus appear for the first time in the gospel of John. Rather than appearing as a mighty hero who had come to overthrow the Roman Empire we saw he comes and reveals two things about himself. Firstly that he is the lamb of God, pointing not only to the sacrifice he will make to take the sins of the world but also that he has come into the world and made himself vulnerable like a Lamb, he is one who is led by the shepherd and also carried in the hands of God. Jesus modeled breathtaking dependence on the Father. He was also revealed as the baptizer of the Spirit showing us that because he was dependent he was willing to share his glory saying to his disciples later in his life it's better I go so the Spirit can come. Not only that but we see Jesus as our perfect example of living a dependent life, John tells us the Spirit remained on Jesus, he was led & strengthened by the Spirit everyday. Finally we saw that he is a promise for us in that we can be dependent too through the power of the Spirit at work in us.

Questions for discussion

- 1) What challenges do you face when it comes to dependence & vulnerability?
- 2) How can we grow in trusting God will lead us no matter where we may end up?
- 3) Why is being filled with the spirit so important?
- 4) What can you and we as a small group and church do to grow in listening to God??

Tags

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