



Faith Essentials: Jesus Is

~ Self Study Questions

What is my picture of Jesus?

How can I have more of Jesus revealed to me?

How much of Jesus' identity is reflected in my beliefs and lifestyle?

~ Group Discussion Questions ~

What impact does Jesus' identity have on our relationship with each other?

How can we help deepen each others' understanding of who Jesus is?

~ Main Notes ~

Who is Jesus?

He is the centerpoint of Christianity and scripture. The whole of scripture relates and points to Jesus.

God is "trinitarian", meaning He exists in three parts as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is God and Creator, pre-existed all things, created all things, and gives sustaining life to all things.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

John 1:1-5 speaks of Jesus.

Jesus is "God with us", Immanuel, and *"made his dwelling among us"* in John 1:14

He wants an eternal, trusting relationship with us. He created us in his image in

Genesis 1:27.

He is completely God and completely man. Because of this, He was able to do for us what we couldn't do for ourselves in paying for our sin with his death. He was also able to step into our world in our shoes and relate to us, empathize with us, allowing us to relate to him as it says in Hebrews 4:15.

Jesus is the Anointed Savior and King that came to deal with the ways that the world was oppressed.

“Christ” is a title which means anointed or chosen one. He came to reveal his Kingdom to the world, rescue us from sin and death as a King, and give us all of his Kingdom's benefits and blessings.

He is the anointed High Priest that came to take care of the broken relationship between humanity and God by paying a debt he didn't owe because we owed a debt we couldn't pay.

Jesus is our Model for the life of purity, sacrifice and power that we are called to live. We were created from the beginning to live the way Jesus lived.

We are called to do the works that Jesus did.

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

John 14:12

Our response to who Jesus is...

We worship and revere God the Creator.

We engage in relationship, having conversation, and truly knowing “Immanuel”, God with us.

We submit ourselves fully to the authority of the Anointed Savior and King.

We learn from Him as our model on how to live our lives.

~ **Daily Living** ~

A person's external response reflects an internal change. If we truly believe something, we let it form the way we live and act. Who Jesus is to us is so important because it will determine how we live and gives us a firm foundation to stand on. If we do not see an external response

to an internal belief of who Jesus is, then there is something that we need to determine and settle inside of us. Jesus is our source of life. Without Him in His rightful place, we can't hope to overcome anything. However, recognizing Him rightly each and every day will put our lives into proper perspective. We will be able to live from the place of power and right relationship that we were designed to live from.

~ Prayer Point ~

Take a moment to go through the Self Study and Group Discussion questions again. Ask God to point out a key truth that He wants you to focus on. Ask Jesus if you've been living from a place of recognition of who He is. Thank Him that you're able to live according to who He is and what He has done.

~ Personal Notes ~