Weekend Message Questions John: A Cast of Characters Jesus February 4-5, 2023

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CHECK-IN: Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.

• Valentine's day is just around the corner! Do you generally love or loathe this holiday? Why?

READ: John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:15-20, John 14:16

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- How have your experiences (or lack of experiences) with religion throughout your life influenced your beliefs, thoughts, and understanding about the deity of Jesus?
- "Jesus wasn't just a good man, He is God!" Many people believe Jesus was a good man but struggle to embrace his deity.
 - Why do you think it can be difficult for people to embrace the deity of Jesus?
 - In your own words, why is the deity of Jesus an important truth to embrace?

READ: John 1:14, Hebrews 4:14-16,

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- In your own words, why do you think it was important for Jesus to be fully human?
- In his humanity, Jesus "understands our weaknesses" and is "full of unfailing love and faithfulness."
 - How do those truths impact your faith and/or influence your day to day life?
 - Is the unfailing love and faithfulness of Jesus something you find easy to accept? Why or why not?

DISCUSS:

- As a Christ follower, it is important for us to humbly embrace the deity AND the humanity of Jesus, without pride and self-righteousness.
 - Have you ever witnessed or had experiences with someone who believed in these truths but presented them in a way that did not reflect the unfailing love and grace of Jesus? How did and/or does that representation of the truth impact you or others?
 - How can we reflect the grace and love of Jesus as we stand firm on the truth of the deity and humanity of Jesus? What are some practical ways we can share these truths with love and humility?

Pray to close.

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