**Questions Jesus Asks November 7, 2021 Message: Who do you say I am?**

Mark 8:27-29 | Matthew 16:13-16

What is your name?

Who do people say I am?

Who do you say I am?

*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.*

A slow growth of understanding or an immediate decision?

*A personal God, who knows me personally, asks a personal question that requires a personal response.*

**Life Group Study**

For week of November 7, 2021

**Is joining a Life Group your next step?** *Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today!* [*https://rlc.pub/groups*](https://rlc.pub/groups)

**Share your story**What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?What has been your favorite part about meeting together as a life group this fall?

If you were meeting someone for the first time, how would you describe yourself? How would your friends or family describe you?

**Connect to God’s story**

**Read Matthew 16:13-17.**

*John the Baptist was known for his proclamation about the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 3:1-6 & 11:11-15). Elijah was known for the miraculous works and prophetic statements (Matthew 17:10). The prophet Jeremiah was known for his compassion and concern toward God’s people (Matthew 2:17-18).*

Who do the people in your life say Jesus is?

What was Peter’s answer to Jesus? Why did Jesus respond to Peter as he did? (*“Christ” [Greek] or “Messiah” [Hebrew] means the one who has been anointed, the hoped for one.)*

From this Scripture passage, who reveals this truth to Peter? Our Father is the revealer of truth. Where is your source of truth?

Who do you, personally, say Jesus is? Why is this an important question to answer? How do we discover who Jesus is? Why is it important that Jesus is your hoped for one?

**Now What?**

*During this last Life Group meeting this session, our groups get
the opportunity to take communion together. Do this together with thanksgiving and celebrate the new life Christ Jesus gives us.
Let’s remember His death until He returns.*

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.**

Respond to this passage by passing around the bread and eating it together remembering the body of Jesus broken for you..

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:25-26.**

Respond to this passage by drinking the cup together remembering the new covenant that Jesus established through his blood - closing in prayer.

**THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS**

*Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God’s Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Here’s how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

**SHARE**

Each week we’ll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned “sharing questions.” But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

**STUDY**

Each week we’ll study a section from God’s Word that relates to the previous weekend’s sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

**SUPPORT**

Each week we’ll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

**SERVE**

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God’s kingdom!