

CONNECT GROUPS

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Week 4 Meeting (Week of Oct 9th)

This week our focus is on what it means to "understand Jesus." Throughout Mark, Jesus tells people not to tell anyone who he is, how does this change how we understand our calling to tell the world about him? Jesus seems to think the cross is essential to understanding who he is. How does the cross shape how we see him? As always, please feel free to skip around in the questions, and ask only the ones you think will be most helpful for your group.

Check-In (view Leaders Guide for check-in suggestions)

Discussion

- 1.If you were abducted by Martians, and they asked you to explain who Jesus is, what would you tell them?
- 2.Have you ever had the opportunity to talk about Jesus to someone who didn't know much/anything about him? What was that like?
- 3.Do you think we need to fully understand Jesus before we start telling other people about him? Why or why not?
- 4.Some Christians have said that the two things that make us grow the most in our spiritual lives are silence and solitude (time alone with God) and suffering. Do you agree with this statement?
- 5.Have you had experiences of the cross (sacrifice, pain, or loss) that have helped you to better understand Jesus?

Prayer

Optional readings:

If your group is looking for additional Scripture to read regarding this week's topics, here are some options. Do not feel obligated to read or discuss these as a group:

Mark 9:30-32

Mark 10:32-45

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Philippians 2:5-11