

Who is Jesus| *what it means to come to faith*

Jesus as Savior
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John 17:6-19
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Introduction: Who is Jesus? What does it mean to come to faith? To some he was a spiritual sage or inspirational model. To others he was a figment of his followers' imagination or an overhyped fraud. Whoever he was, the figure of Jesus has received the devotion of countless people throughout history and changed the course of history like none other. Who did he claim to be? What do the early records show? What does it mean to come to faith in him today?

Prayer: Our Lord and our God help us to get to know you better through studying your Word. Encourage us as your disciples with the confidence in your promises and the future you have prepared for us. Amen.

Review: How did you spend time with your friend, Jesus this week? How did that help you to know Jesus better? How have you been changed through friendship with Jesus?

Read: John 17:6-19

Discussion:

1. How does Jesus describe his disciples? What do they know? What have they done?
2. What does Jesus ask his Father to do for his disciples? What does he not ask? Where do you need God's protection?
3. What does it mean to be "not of this world?" See also Romans 12:1-2 and 1 John 2:15-17 Where do you need God's help not to conform to the world's patterns?
4. Why is Jesus praying this prayer in the disciples' hearing? What joy and hope does this prayer give you?

Application: This week spend some time reflecting on any new insights you've received exploring the question 'Who is Jesus?' over the past weeks. Spend some time in prayer giving God thanks for the many ways Jesus works on our behalf. Ask God how he would have you respond.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for making yourself known to us. Armed with the knowledge of your presence, protection and intercession on our behalf, help us to joyfully share what we know of you with others. Amen