TALK IT OVER

Who Is Jesus, really?

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Key Verses

Matthew 16:13-17

John 3:1-2

1 John 2:15-17

Summary of the Message

Many people have an opinion about Jesus: a teacher, a master, a good man. But in Matthew 16, Jesus asks a personal question: But what about you? Who do you say I am? Nicodemus knew a lot about God's Word and still needed new life, because religion is not the same as a relationship with God. Jesus is more than a good teacher; He is the Son of God and the Savior of the world, and if He is Lord, we cannot admire His teachings while ignoring His authority. Our greatest problem is sin, and we need a new heart: church attendance and service make us good people, but only surrendering our lives to Jesus saves us, and everything else is the result of that. If we belong to Christ we must love God, not the world, and true faith produces a transformed life. Jesus died and rose again to save sinners, and He calls every person to repent, believe and follow Him.

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. When you were a child or a teenager, who did you hear Jesus was? Where did that idea come from?

2. What is the most different opinion about Jesus that you have ever heard from someone?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

3. Why do you think there are so many opinions about Jesus, even among people who read the Bible? (Mt 16:13-14)

4. Nicodemus knew a lot, but he still needed new life (Jn 3). What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and truly knowing Him? And between religion and relationship?

5. If Jesus is only a good teacher, we can choose what we like from His teachings. What changes in our daily life when we say He is Lord?

6. Why can't going to church, serving and being a good person clean our hearts? What does it mean that we are saved by surrendering our lives, and not by our actions?

Start Sharing: Open Heart / Share Stories

7. How did you move from knowing about Jesus to knowing Him personally? What has changed in your life?

8. In which area of your life do you admire Jesus but have not yet surrendered to Him?

Start Doing: Commit to Act

09. What is one step of repentance or surrender that you can take this week? Who can you ask to pray for you and hold you accountable?

10. Who around you has an opinion about Jesus but does not know Him yet? How can you share the answer you found with that person this week?

Praying

God, my Father. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us. Forgive us for the times we admired Him but did not surrender our lives to Him, for trusting in our religion and good works, and for loving the things of this world more than You. Give us a new heart, and may Your Holy Spirit show us who Jesus really is, so we can know Him and not only know about Him.

May our lives show a true transformation, may we love Your presence and Your Word, and may we have the courage to repent, believe and follow Jesus every day. Help us to share Him with the people around us.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Announcements:

- Be part of our team - become a volunteer!
- HOP every Friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua, so it goes straight to The Way Ministry. Link: https://contribua.pibcuritiba.org.br/produtos/paginaproduto/135