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Home Group Discussion Guide

The Truth About Jesus

1 Timothy 3:16

ICEBREAKER: What's your pleasure: tennis, badminton, volleyball, racquetball, or Ping-Pong?

OVERVIEW: The most important thing about you are your beliefs. Your most important beliefs are your beliefs about God. And your most important beliefs about God are your beliefs about Jesus. In this discussion we will go deeper with 5 important truths about Jesus Christ.

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:16. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Why are your beliefs the most important thing about you? Why are your beliefs about Christ so important?
3. The first truth is that Christ is the key to godliness. If godliness means living a life that loves and pleases God, then why is Christ necessary for godliness? What about people of other religions? (For help, see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Titus 3:4-6.)
4. How is God currently working on you to make you more godly? What do you need to do to cooperate with Him?
5. The second truth is that Christ was revealed in a human body to die for our sins. Read Hebrews 3:14-15. Why was it necessary for the Son of God to take on a human body?

6. Other than to die for our sins, why else did Jesus come to earth and take on a human body?
7. The third truth is that Christ was vindicated by the Spirit — He rose from the grave to prove His identity. To vindicate is to clear from accusation, suspicion or criticism; to justify by providing evidence (Wiktionary.org). How did the resurrection vindicate Jesus?
8. What evidence is there that the resurrection actually occurred?
9. The fourth truth is that Christ was announced to the nations and was believed in throughout the world to show that salvation is available to everyone. Why was this truth so shocking in the first century? (For help read Gal. 3:19, 24-29.)
10. The fifth truth is that Christ ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us. Read Romans 8:34. What else is Christ doing for us in heaven? What does it mean that Christ is sitting at God's right hand?
11. What do you personally believe about Jesus, and how has that impacted your life?

The Last Word: Jesus made it very clear in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." Nobody can have a relationship with God, can please God, or can truly show love to God apart from Jesus.