

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Jesus Claimed to be God*  
The Gospel of Mark — Week 61

**ICEBREAKER:** If you had the opportunity to start your own business, what would you start? Why?

**OVERVIEW:** Is Jesus God or just a man? Christians believe in Christ's deity, but why? There are many who deny the deity of Jesus — atheists, Jews, Muslims, etc. In this study we will go deeper with Jesus' claim to be God in Mark 12, and discuss the many reasons we should believe in the deity of Jesus Christ.

1. Read Mark 12:35-37. What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end'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. Read the following verses and briefly write down how they affirm the deity of Jesus Christ.
  - Titus 2:13
  - Hebrews 1:3
  - Hebrews 1:8, 10
  - 2 Peter 1:1
3. What is the evidence for the deity of Jesus Christ?

4. Why do you personally believe in the deity of Jesus Christ?
5. Why does it matter that Jesus is God?
6. How is it possible that Jesus is both God and the Son of God?
7. The writers of the New Testament were much more direct about the deity of Jesus Christ. Why wasn't Christ as direct as them?
8. How does it affect your relationship with Jesus to believe that He is God?

**The Last Word:** "For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6