



JESUS ON THE MOVE

TALK IT OVER

Jesus and Identity

A Journey Through The Gospel of Mark

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the document.

Scriptures

Mark 1:1 (NIV), Mark 1:9–15 (NIV), John 15:9 (NIV), John 17:22–23 (NLT), Isaiah 64:1, Psalm 2:7, Isaiah 42:1, Genesis 22:2, John 10:10 (NIV), Luke 19:10 (NIV), Hebrews 4:14–15 (NIV)

Questions

1. In the Gospel of Mark 1:1 and at Jesus' baptism (Mark 1:9–11), we see that Jesus' identity as God's Son is declared before He does any ministry. Why do you think that matters? What does this teach us about who we are before we do anything?
2. If you couldn't use your job, family role, strengths, or struggles to describe yourself, how would you introduce yourself? What labels do you tend to carry that might not match how God sees you?
3. In John 17:22–23, Jesus says God loves us the same way the Father loves him which can be hard for us to believe. What might change in your life if you honestly believed that was true?
4. Jesus knew who He was, and that gave Him confidence to live out His mission (see Gospel of Luke 19:10). How does knowing you belong to God give you courage to live differently? Where might He be asking you to step out in faith?
5. Right after Jesus is called the beloved Son, He goes into the wilderness. Have you ever felt close to God and then walked into a hard season? How can remembering your identity help you during difficult times?

6. When Jesus says, “Repent and believe,” it means changing how we think and who we trust. Are there ways you still see yourself that don’t line up with being a son or daughter of God?
7. If Isaac was a promised son who carried hope for the future, how is Jesus the greater fulfillment of that promise? What makes Him the “truer Isaac”?
8. After the flood, a dove signaled that judgment had passed and a new beginning had come. At Jesus’ baptism in Gospel of Mark 1:10, the Spirit descends like a dove as the heavens are torn open. How does this show that Jesus is bringing a greater new beginning than Noah ever could?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you’ve learned today?*