



WEEK 6: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

At the center of Mark's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples a question that still confronts us today: *"Who do you say I am?"* Peter answers correctly—Jesus is the Messiah—yet quickly resists the idea of a suffering Savior. Jesus responds by redefining both His mission and the call to follow Him. Discipleship is not about protecting our lives but surrendering them. This moment forces us to confront not only what we believe about Jesus, but whether we are willing to trust Him with our lives.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

Mark 8:27-9 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Who Is He?

Jesus asks His disciples an important question, "Who do you say I am?"

- a. When you think about Jesus, how would you honestly describe Him in your own words?
- b. What do you think most shapes the way you see Jesus—your experiences, your disappointments, or your hopes?

2 Expectations Versus Reality

Peter calls Jesus "the Messiah," but struggles when Jesus explains what that really means.

- a. Have you ever believed in Jesus...but hoped He would work differently than He did?
- b. Where do you feel tension between what you want Jesus to do and what He might actually be doing?

3 Gaining Life

Jesus says that saving our life actually means losing it for His sake (**Mark 8:35**).

- a. Why do you think surrender feels more frightening than trust?
- b. What part of your life is hardest to place fully in Jesus' hands?

4 Everyday Wisdom

Jesus connects discipleship with daily choices, not just a one-time decision.

- a. What does following Jesus day-to-day look like to you?
- b. How can we begin to start stepping into this lifestyle?

5 Who Do We Follow?

Jesus doesn't just ask who He is—He wants us to recognize who is the ruler of our life, us or Him.

- a. Where in your life would you say you are the ruler more than He is? Why?

- b. How can we start to give up that place more into His hands?
- c. Kingdom, to bear fruit and exemplify Jesus to a world that needs Him.

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: We can believe all the right things about Jesus and still struggle to trust Him, but He still waits for us.

- Where do you believe in Jesus, but still hesitate to trust Him?
- What would surrender look like in that place—practically?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Trusting Him—This week:

- "Jesus, today I choose to trust You with _____."
- Write down where you trusted and where you struggled to this week.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust Him, finding peace that He is in control.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV), *"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

Let the group rest in this promise as you close together in prayer.

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