

LG 1: Who do people say that I am?

Matthew 16:13-16

Objectives: At the end of this study we want them to start to think about who Jesus truly is. We want them to know that He is God. We want the student to respond by thinking how they live their life in light of who Jesus is.

Time: About 30 minutes of “getting to know you” and 30 minutes of discussion.

Getting to Know You (30 minutes)

This is the key event for today. Come up with a fun, interactive ice breaker that helps people get to know one another.

Vision (3 minutes)- Use your own words...

This is your chance to communicate your goal for the Life group. *“Our desire for this group is to get to know one another so that we could help one another know Christ more and become more like Him. We want to share our lives with one another, discuss how the Bible applies to our lives, and pray for one another to live out Christ’s love in our relationships. As we experience Christ, we want to share that with others. Since Jesus is the One we claim to follow, it makes sense, then that tonight we’re looking at who He is.”*

Launch

One of the great things about college is the diversity of people you get to interact with. Cru is a Christian group but we have people with a variety of beliefs involved in our group. **Tonight we wanted to start by asking, who is Jesus?**

Context- In this passage Jesus is with his 12 closest followers. They have been together for around 2 years.

Read Matthew 16:13-16

Explore

Read Matthew 16:13-14

- Who did people back then say Jesus was? *(religious leader of some sort)*
- How is that different or the same today?

In the next verse Jesus makes it personal.

Read Matthew 16:15

- We want this to be a place where we can have honest interaction with one another. I would love to hear your thoughts on who

you say Jesus is? *(try to have everyone share, and make sure that this does not turn into a debate)*

In verse 16 we see how Peter, one of the followers of Jesus, answers...

Read Matthew 16:16

- What does “the Christ, Son of the living God” mean? *(You will want to describe that it means that He is God in the flesh, and that He is the promised messiah (or Christ) that has come to rescue or save people).*
- Why do people need saving? In other words, why would Jesus need to come to earth to save people? Note- *This is a place where someone can share the gospel.*

Apply in small groups

- What will keep you from developing your relationship with Jesus this year?
- What could help you develop your relationship with Jesus this year?
- Pray for one another.
- *Our goal in Cru is to help all students know and experience Jesus as He is presented in the Bible. We believe that every person was created to have a vibrant and active relationship with Him. For the rest of the semester we are going to look at the parables of Jesus in LG and in Real Life.*

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Set up meeting time/place to go to Real Life. Describe what Real Life is.