

Small Group Lesson

Theme: Who is God?

Lesson Theme: God the Son—Our Savior

Warming up...

1. TAKE ATTENDANCE
2. Highs and Lows of this past week?

Going Deeper...

Read: John 1:1-14

1. Jesus is God

- What do these verses—especially the first five verses—communicate to you about who God is and what God does?
- What idea or image stands out to you most from this passage in John 1, and why?
- Some people say Jesus was just a wise teacher but wasn't God. Why would it matter that Jesus was also God and not just a human?
- Based on what you know from the Bible, what are some of the things Jesus did that he couldn't have done if he weren't God?

Thought 1: When we read through the Gospels, we see many examples of how Jesus revealed that he is God. He lived a perfect, sinless life. He performed incredible miracles—multiplying food, raising the dead, and healing the sick. And the greatest demonstration was his victory over death—his resurrection from the dead.

2. Jesus was human

- Based on this passage from John 1, why did Jesus become human—why did he leave heaven and come down to earth?
- What do you think Jesus was like as a teenager? What was it like for him to experience all the changes and transitions that teenagers experience?
- If Jesus went through many of the same things we go through, how does this shape your perspective on Jesus' ability to relate to your pain, joy, victories, and struggles?
- Verse 10 says the world didn't recognize that Jesus was God the Son—God in human form. What are some places we might miss seeing God if we aren't looking for him?

Thought 2: Jesus was God and yet he chose to live on earth with us. He came to live as we lived. He experienced human emotions and pain. He cried when his friend Lazarus died. He felt compassion when he saw the crowds of hurting people. And when Jesus was crucified, he bled and suffered excruciating pain. As someone who was fully human, Jesus understands and sympathizes with us completely.

3. Jesus is our Savior who paid the price for our sins

Thought 3: The Bible teaches us that God created the world as a perfect place, but the world became broken because Adam and Eve chose to sin. Instead of experiencing a perfect relationship with God, humanity now experienced separation from God. That's why Jesus came to this earth—to live a perfect life, to die on the cross as a payment for our sins, and to come back to life.

- Look at John 1:12-13. Can a person experience this new spiritual "birth" without making a choice or decision? Why or why not?
- If you've made the decision to follow Jesus and receive his gift of salvation, what led you to that decision?
- How has your life changed since making that decision?
- Read Hebrews 2:14. What does this verse reveal to you about Jesus and his work in providing a remedy for our broken world?

Application...

Thought 4: Now that we know who Jesus is and how he provides a remedy for our sin and brokenness, we have the opportunity to share that good news with other people so they can experience it, too.

Ask your students to find a partner for these questions.

- What are some reasons we don't share the good news of Jesus with others?
- How can we help each other become more confident in telling other people about Jesus?

Pray for each other as a Group!