

DISCUSSION 1

Jesus—the Messiah

1. Throughout his earthly ministry, whose will did Jesus ultimately follow (v. 30)?
2. According to verses 31-35, who was it that bore witness to Jesus's ministry? How did this person do so? (See Matt. 3)
3. What are some of the works Jesus performed throughout his ministry that prove that he is the Messiah? (See Luke 7:18-23; John 4:46-54; 2:6-11)
4. Read Isaiah 7:10-16 and chapter 53. What do these passages reveal about the forthcoming Messiah?

DISCUSSION 2

Jesus—the justifier and judge

1. Why is it significant that Jesus said he was sent by God—not by man?
2. According to verse 38, as well as John 3:8 and 15:6, can someone be a believer in God and refuse to accept Jesus as their savior? Why or why not?
3. If someone were to ask you what Scripture ultimately points to, how would you answer them? (See John 3:16; 5:39-40; Gen. 3:15)

DISCUSSION 3

Jesus—the Son of God

1. How have people responded to Jesus's claims about who he is? In John 1:11 and 5:18, how does John characterize those particular people and their responses?

2. According to verse 46, why did Jesus mention Moses when he spoke to the Jews about his identity?
3. What does this passage show us about the main message of the book of John and John's reason for writing it?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. As you go through this week's passage, review chapter 4. In chapter 4, who did Jesus claim to be?
2. With all the claims Jesus made, do you see people today reject the idea that he is, in fact, the Son of God? Why would people reject him?
3. What are some of the ways that the Bible points to Jesus's identity as the true Son of God?

APPLICATION

- Spend time discussing ways you have seen God's Word help you trust in Jesus for your salvation and your earthly needs.
- In light of this passage, how might you guide or counsel a friend or family member who is struggling with the truth of Jesus being the Son of God? This week, make plans to visit with someone who may be struggling in this way. Use John 5 as you pray and prepare.