Foundations

Session 4: Who Is Jesus?

In the first study about salvation, we discussed the definition of Christianity. A person can choose to live for Jesus and have assurance of salvation. From there, we moved to the Architect of salvation. If salvation is possible, who provides this salvation? This led to a study about God.

We learned that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe yet He is knowable and wants to be known. The Bible states that God exists but does not defend the existence of God. There are many arguments that defend the existence of God and here are 2 popular arguments:

- Cosmological Argument – Since the universe exist, it must have a Cause greater than itself
- Moral Law Argument – A universal moral code would require a Lawgiver

Although we cannot completely know God, He is knowable through His attributes. Some attributes are unique to God and only He possesses such as omniscience, immutable and eternal. Other attributes of God are attributes that humans can demonstrate although not perfectly. These attributes include gracious, merciful, and good.

The more we understand God and His attributes, the more His character will influence our behavior.

Is it possible to know God better? The answer is yes. However, sin separates us from God. How does God, who is holy and perfect, make it possible for human beings, who are sinful, to have a personal relationship with Him? Enter Jesus Christ. Jesus, God the Son, is our way to God the Father. But Who is Jesus, really? Was Jesus a good teacher? Is He God? What does the Bible really say about Jesus? In this session, we will discuss the person and work of Jesus Christ.

By the end of this session, you should be able to:

- Describe key titles of Jesus
- List key concepts the Bible presents about Jesus
- Discuss the deity and humanity of Jesus
- State the importance of atonement

1. How do you respond when someone asks what you think about Jesus?

2. How do the following verses reveal the humanity of Jesus?

Matthew 4:1-9

John 4:6

John 11:35

Luke 9:58

3. Read Hebrews 2:10-18. What results does a Christian experience because Jesus, God the Son, was fully human?

4. Which of these results is most meaningful to you?

5. Read Hebrews 7:20-28. How is Jesus different from the Levitical priesthood described in the Old Testament?

6. Read Hebrews 10:1-4. What do these verses say about animal sacrifices and forgiveness of sin?

7. Read Hebrews 10:11-18. What does it mean that Jesus had offered one sacrifice for sins forever? How does this help you?

8. How do the following verses compare the attributes of God the Father and Jesus, God the Son?

Psalm 139:81-10 and Matthew 28:20

Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1

Bonus: Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8

Bonus: Jeremiah 31:34 and Matthew 9:2

9. Based on the class session, notes, and your personal study, what has encouraged or challenged you from this session?

Additional Resources

Jesus Style by Gayle Erwin