

WHO DO YOU SAY HE IS?

Conclusion to the series: *Awesome God*

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:27-38 ESV

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*Now go over W.R.A.P. (Warm-Up, Review, Apply, and Pray)

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your Grace Group. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

WARM-UP: Share one word that describes you. Have others in the Group share their one positive and encouraging word that describes you.

REVIEW: Jesus asked His disciples who other people thought he was. He then asked a more personal question: Who did they (His disciples) think He is? It is not enough to know what others say about Jesus. We must *personally* know, understand, and accept that he is the Messiah. As the Messiah, Jesus knew that He would endure extreme suffering in order to bring us into right relationship with God. In the same way, the Christian life often involves hard work, persecution, deprivation, and deep suffering. However with this suffering we also carry with us the unparalleled hope of Christ to share with the world around us. Read Mark 8:27-38 and be ready to apply what you've read to your life.

APPLY: What stood out to you from this past Sunday's message/the Scriptures we just read? // God has many aspects/facets. What are some aspects of God that stand out to you? (Healer, Provider, Protector, Creator, etc.) // What resonates with you when you hear the expression *Awesome God*? (Transition into a time of prayer.)

PRAY: Pray for those on your "VIP 5x5". Pray that we would know God more and share Him more with others, as well. Let's also believe God in prayer for one another's needs in the group

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2Timothy 3:16-17

Bible Reading

- February 28:** Number 17-19, Mark 6:30-56
- March 1:** Number 20-22, Mark 7:1-13
- March 2:** Number 23-25, Mark 7:14-37
- March 3:** Number 26-28, Mark 8
- March 4:** Number 29-31, Mark 9:1-29
- March 5:** Number 32-34, Mark 9:30-50
- March 6:** Number 35-36, Mark 10:1-31
- March 7:** Deuteronomy 1-3, Mark 10:32-52



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