

Bible Study for Life Groups to use as follow-up to this weeks sermon.

Life Lesson

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“Who do you say I am?”

Pastor David Welsh

Do you agree with Pastor Welsh’s statement that “We have subtly, gradually, even subconsciously moved from a dominate usage of the name of Jesus, to the name of God?” How have you seen this in our culture and in the church?

Mark 8:27-31

- 1) If Jesus asked you the question “Who do people say I am” today in our time and in our culture. What would you reply? What are people’s attitudes toward Jesus?

The people in Peter’s time were looking for a Messiah, someone to lead them to political independence from Rome. What are people looking for today or are they even looking?

- 2) Matthew 16:17 says that God revealed to Peter that Jesus was indeed the Christ. Peter had the blessing of walking with Christ, but we have the written words of God available to us. What did it take for Peter to find Jesus? What do we have to be willing to do?
- 3) What is the difference between Jesus as our Savior and Jesus as our Lord? Can you have one without the other?
- 4) Having never lived under a monarchy, do we as Americans with all our freedoms and “rights”, understand what it means to live under the Lordship of Jesus Christ? How do we practically live out Jesus as our King, instead of ourselves being the center of the universe?

APPLICATION - *Living out what you have learned this week...*

- Has accepting Christ changed your life? Does it affect the way you live, talk, your priorities and the way you make decisions and treat others?
- Examine your life. Is Jesus your Lord or do you want to have control?
- Do the people you work and live with know you are a Christian? Does it make you a better parent, spouse, co-worker, student? What needs to change?

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