

Adult Small Group Discussion Guide

"Ancient Faith: Jesus Christ, His Only Son and Our Lord, Part 2"

Based on sermon by Ken Holsberry (April 13, 2025)

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Welcome everyone and open in prayer
- Briefly review last week's discussion about Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi
- Ask: "How would you respond if someone asked you 'Who do you say Jesus is?'"

Main Discussion (40-45 minutes)

1. Jesus as Savior (10 minutes)

Scripture Focus: Matthew 1:21

Discussion Questions:

- What does the name "Jesus" mean according to the sermon?
- When you use the name "Jesus," do you consciously think about its meaning as "Savior"?
- How does understanding Jesus specifically as your Savior affect your approach to sin and forgiveness in your life?

2. Jesus as Christ (10-12 minutes)

Scripture Focus: Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2

Discussion Questions:

- How does understanding that "Christ" is a title (not a last name) change how you think about Jesus?
- Ken mentioned several Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. Which one stood out to you and why?
- What does it mean for us today that Jesus fulfilled these specific prophecies?

3. Jesus as God's Only Son (10-12 minutes)

Scripture Focus: John 3:16, John 10:30

Discussion Questions:

- What does the Greek word "monogenes" (only begotten) tell us about Jesus?
- How would you explain Jesus' unique relationship with God the Father to someone who doesn't believe Jesus is divine?
- Why is Jesus' divine nature essential to Christian faith?

4. Jesus as Lord (10-12 minutes)

Scripture Focus: Romans 10:9, Acts 2:36

Discussion Questions:

- What's the difference between calling Jesus "lord" (lowercase) and "Lord" (uppercase)?
- Ken mentioned early Christians facing persecution for refusing to say "Caesar is Lord." Where do you see pressure today to acknowledge other "lords" above Jesus?
- What might it cost you personally to consistently live with Jesus as your Lord?

Application (15 minutes)

Personal Reflection:

- Which aspect of Jesus' identity (Savior, Christ, Son, or Lord) do you need to embrace more fully in your life right now?
- What is one specific way you can demonstrate that "Jesus is Lord" in your daily life this week?

Group Discussion:

- How can we as a group support each other in standing firm in our confession of faith?
- Ken challenged listeners to be prepared to face opposition for our faith. How can we prepare ourselves and our families for that possibility?

Conclusion (5 minutes)

- Summarize key points from the discussion
- Invite group members to share prayer requests related to living out their confession of faith
- Close in prayer, acknowledging Jesus as Christ, God's Son, and our Lord

Follow-up Resources

For Further Study:

- Philippians 2:5-11 (Christ's humility and exaltation)
- Colossians 1:15-20 (The supremacy of Christ)
- Hebrews 1:1-4 (Christ as God's final word)

Recommended Reading:

- "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis (especially Book 2: "What Christians Believe")
- "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey
- "Simply Jesus" by N.T. Wright