

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2017 - THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST**

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. How has knowing Jesus a little more after this week's sermon changed the way you pray? What about the way you worship?

3. What goes through your mind as you participate in Communion?

4. It should never cease to amaze us that God, as BIG as He is, sent His Son to die for us, to have a personal relationship with us, and to save us from eternal death. Write down some of the details of your testimony of being adopted and made new, and if you are up for it, share that story with your group.

5. Why was it so important that Jesus be fully man and fully God? Verses such as John 1:14, Luke 2:7, Philippians 2:6-8, 1 Timothy 2:5, and Hebrews 2:17; 4:15 may help.

6. If an unbelieving friend said to you, "The Bible doesn't say that I need Jesus," where would you take them in Scripture to prove otherwise?

7. C.H. Spurgeon once said, "From every little town and village and tiny hamlet in England there is a road leading to London. Whenever I get hold of a text, I say to myself, 'There is a road from here to Jesus Christ, and I mean to keep on His track till I get to Him.'" Try to stump your group with a verse in Scripture which does not refer in some way to Jesus, and then let the group see if they can find a road to Christ.

8. If Jesus bore all the guilt for our sins, all the wrath of God against sin, and all the penalty of death that we deserve, then will God ever turn His wrath against you as a believer?

9. Read Ephesians 2:4-6, describing our position with Christ. What impact ought this to have on our lives now?

Some suggested readings for further study and application on the Doctrine of Christ:

*The Death of Death in the Death of Christ* by John Owen is a powerful book about the life and works of Christ, but prepare to approach it as a study more than as entertainment.

*The Glory of Christ* by R. C. Sproul seeks to make you fall in love with Christ by being blown away by His glory.

*The Word Became Flesh* by Millard Erickson is another more studious look through the Doctrine of Christ.

*Jesus* by John MacArthur teaches about Christ through eight of His roles, such as Lord, Friend, Healer, and Savior.

*Jesus: The Greatest Life of All* by Charles Swindoll looks at Jesus' life in a historical context, seeking to find out just who Jesus is and apply that truth to our lives today.