

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Mark 8:27-30

For Starting

- Share about a time when you trusted someone, only to find out later that you had been deceived.
- Think of the many identities that you have (descriptions that people would say you are). Who do people say you are?
- Look at the “word cloud” (turn over). What title/s catch your attention? Explain why.
- What do people say *today* about who Jesus is?

For Reviewing

- Where were Jesus and His disciples at this time (v.27a)?
- Whose opinion did Jesus want to know about (v.27b)?
- What THREE people was Jesus compared to (v.28)?
- How is Jesus' second question different from the first (v.29a)?
- Who answers the question (v.29b)? What does he say?
- Why does Jesus *not* want the disciples to share this knowledge (v.30)? See John 2:1-4.

For Discussion

- Peter declares Jesus “the Christ”, i.e. “the Messiah”. Where else in Mark is this declared? See Mark 1:1; 14:61-62; 15:39.
- Do you think that God makes it difficult for us to believe in Him? What are the biggest obstacles to faith in Jesus?
- Is it enough that we have a high opinion for Jesus? Why or why not? How did you view Jesus when you were younger? Has your view of Jesus changed? If so, how?
- How would a non-Christian answer the question about Jesus?
- Why is the character of Jesus such a controversial issue?
- When people ask you about who Jesus is to you, how do you describe Him? What words do you typically use?
- You could end by reading together Mark 8:29.

Mark 8:27-30 (NIVUK)

Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

A word cloud containing various titles and descriptions of Jesus, including: lamb of God, Messiah, God, life, truth, Jesus, holy one, I AM, king of kings, son of man, redeemer, physician, shepherd, good shepherd, savior, king of glory, rock of offense, foundation, word, bridegroom, and many others. The words are of varying sizes and orientations, with 'Jesus' and 'God' being the largest.