

Let's Discuss...Jesus

PART 1_Who is Jesus to You?



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Scriptures mentioned:

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

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Summary

In this video, we get to know our friends at the table and hear a bit about who Jesus is to them... how they've conceptualised Him in the past and who they understand Him to be now.

Definitions

sanctification: the lifelong process of becoming holy (or more like God)

Let's Discuss...

- What were your thoughts on Jesus as you were growing up and how did these thoughts develop (i.e. were they handed down to you, you gathered them on your own, etc.)? Are there any stories you associate with Him?
- Who do you see Jesus to be now? Do you see Him similarly, or differently than you used to? What has caused that understanding to stay the same or change?
- Andrea makes a distinction between having grown up in a Christian home and then later having her own "encounter" with Jesus, and the shifts that this brought. Have you had a personal encounter with Jesus? How would you describe that and what effect has it had on you?
- Renaud says, "Jesus is the one that I want to build my entire life upon, and around, and towards." Do you agree with this sentiment? Why or why not? What would look different in your life if you did or didn't feel the way you currently do about this statement?
- If you have been in relationship with Jesus for some time now, describe what the process of sanctification has looked like for you so far.

Let's Pray...

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25 NIV

- As we reflect on our journeys with Jesus, let's make space in our lives for fresh encounters with Him. Let's thank the Holy Spirit for helping us to continually build our lives upon Him, our firm foundation.

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Consider taking a moment to look up **Firm Foundation** by Cody Carnes, Chandler Moore, and Austin Davis (covered my Maverick City Music) [song]. Let the testimony of this song seep into you:

“Christ is my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaking
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now?
He won't...

And I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I build my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful through every season
So why would He fail now?

He won't...
He won't fail...

I have a testimony
I have a story to sing
This is my story to sing my song
I have a testimony, you wanna see my testimony?

Rain came, wind blew
But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm gonna make it through...
Yeah, I'm gonna make it through
'Cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah, I'm gonna make it through
'Cause my house is built on You”