

January 16, 2022 Discussion Questions
Mark 8:27-29

What was the new language Chuck used to express the mission of CGS?

The Church of the Good Shepherd is a thoughtful community of believers who exist, by the grace of God, to enjoy the Real Jesus, transform Real People, and bless every sphere we touch in the Real World.

What are some ways, over the course of your life, that you've realized your understanding of Jesus or his Word was mistaken or immature?

How have you arrived at a different or deeper understanding? What were some of the things God used to change your understanding?

Chuck said "Every single emotional reaction we have is at root a theological statement about what our heart believes about Jesus." He also said "We know more in our head than we believe in our hearts...your life is more shaped by what you believe in your heart (instinctively, intuitively) than what you know in your head (rationally)."

What's your reaction to these comments? Share an example of (1) an area where you have noticed that your head believes one thing, but your heart believes another; (2) a recent emotional reaction that reveals what your heart believes.

What are some of your desires, prejudices or biases that make you blind or resistant to who Jesus really is?

- How did you become aware of these desires, prejudices or biases (since at one point you were blind to them)?
- How do you feel about these desires, prejudices or biases being confronted by Jesus?
- How have you – or perhaps should you – respond to the conflict between your personal desires, prejudices and biases verses the real Jesus?

Questions Chuck asked us to consider:

- What is it that you love about Jesus as he is revealed in the Scriptures?
- What is it you WANT to believe about Jesus, but your heart of hearts can't yet?
- What is it that you DISLIKE about Jesus as he is revealed in the Scriptures? How does the real Jesus disturb you, or what aspects of him do you struggle with?

Chuck said "the kind of God we really believe in is revealed in how we treat one another."

- What's your reaction to this comment?
- How would you describe God based on how you treat others - or see others treated - in your family? In your workplace? In your neighborhood? At CGS?
- What sort of repentance does this stir up in your heart? What would you like to see change in yourself or others?

Read and reflect on Luke 4:16-30 as you prepare for worship next Sunday.