

LIVING STONES DISCIPLESHIP GROUP



FIRST SEMESTER UNIT 4

"[Y]ou yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1Peter 2:5



UNIT 4: Who is Jesus?



IN THIS SESSION

- :: Jesus before Jesus (Pre-Incarnate)
- :: God becomes Man (The Incarnation)
 - :: Jesus' Nature
 - :: Jesus Is...

UNIT 4: Who is Jesus?

// OPENING SCRIPTURE

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father, except through Me.”
(John 14:6)

// OPENING PRAYER

// FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS UNIT

Memory Verse :: Exodus 34:6

Homework :: Did everyone in the group complete this unit’s work and activities (if applicable)?

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// The Most Important Question

:: Read Matthew 16:13-20. Jesus asked the disciples, “**Who do you say I am?**” It is the most important question ever asked. How we answer that question determines how we live and ultimately how we will spend eternity. Let’s make sure we answer it rightly.

// Jesus Before Jesus (Pre-Incarnate Christ)

:: Read John 1:1-18. Who is the “**word made flesh**” of verse 14?

:: Read Colossians 1:15-20. According to this passage, who is responsible for the creation of the Universe?

:: Jesus told the Pharisees, “**Before Abraham was, I AM.**” (John 8:58) After hearing this, they sought to kill Him. What OT passage was Jesus quoting? Why did this claim enrage them so much?

:: Scripture teaches Jesus is uncreated. He is not part of Creation. When Jesus was born, God entered the human realm as a man. The doctrine of God becoming a man in Jesus Christ is called “the incarnation”. The Eternal Son of God became “flesh”. He assumed an additional nature, a human nature.

// Born of a Virgin

:: Read Isaiah 7:14. What does the name “Immanuel” mean? What is this prophecy predicting?

// Fully God. Fully Man.

:: Did Jesus claim to be God? Unequivocally. Read John 10:30-33. Why did the Jews want to stone Jesus?

:: Research and write down 3 or 4 more Scripture verses in which Jesus is called God.

// Just How Human Was Jesus?

:: Look up the following verses. Write down what each teaches us about Jesus' humanity.

Bible Verses	What does this teach us about Jesus' human nature?
Luke 2:40, 52	Jesus _____
John 12:27; 13:21; Matthew 26:38	Jesus _____
Hebrews 5:8-9	Jesus _____
Luke 10:21; Hebrews 12:2	Jesus _____

:: Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What about the humanness of Jesus is a benefit to us? How does it change the way we pray and worship?

// Just How Divine Was Jesus?

:: Look up the following verses. Write down what each teaches us about Jesus' divinity.

Bible Verses	What does this teach us about Jesus' divine nature?
Matthew 8:26-27; 14:19	Jesus _____
Mark 2:8; John 1:48; 2:25; 6:64; 16:30; 21:17	Jesus _____
John 10:17-18	Jesus _____
Matthew 28:17; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:6	Jesus _____

// Jesus Was Sinless

:: 1Peter 2:22 says of Jesus, "**He committed no sin...**" and 1John 3:5 says, "**in Him there is no sin.**" Jesus Himself says "**...the ruler of this world [Satan] is coming. He has no claim on Me.**" (John 14:30) Why is the sinlessness of Jesus important to us?

// Jesus Is Our Example

:: In His life and teachings, Jesus provided us an example and a pattern after which all Christians are to model their lives. 1John 2:6, "**whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.**" Christian maturity is measured in Christlikeness, "**to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**"

:: But Christians are not just to become like Him in His life, we are also to become like Him in His death. See Philippians 3:10; Acts 7:60; 1Peter 3:17-18; 4:1

// Jesus Was Our Substitute

:: The trouble is, no one is capable being like Jesus in His life or in His death. No one can be obedient to God on their own. God knows this and He abounds in mercy. So He sent Jesus to pay the penalty of our disobedience and to be obedient for us.

:: Read Isaiah 53:1-12. Write down the phrases in this chapter which describe how God made Jesus our substitute. *Example: "He was pierced for our transgressions', v5"*

:: Fill out Romans 5:18-19 (taken from the ESV): **"Therefore, as one _____ led to condemnation for all men, so one act of _____ leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's _____ the many were made sinners, so by the one man's _____ the many will be made righteous."**

:: Read 2Corinthians 5:21. Re-write it in your own language. Be prepared to share it with your group.

THEOLOGY MATTERS

Penal Substitutionary Atonement: (otherwise known as vicarious atonement) the doctrine that Christ died on the cross as a substitute for sinners. In His death, God imputed the guilt of man's sin on Christ and He bore the punishment that sin deserved.

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

:: Memorize the following verse(s):

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(John 14:6)**

:: Complete the Unit 5 worksheets and activities (when applicable).

:: Pray for the needs of your brothers/sisters in your group.

:: Ensure you are able to attend the next session.