



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

IF / THEN | WEEK 1

BOTTOM LINE

IF HE IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS, THEN I WILL FOLLOW HIS LEAD.

SCRIPTURE

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" (John 8:58 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that if what Jesus claimed about Himself is true, then everything Jesus said should be taken seriously.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders — Most students learn in a variety of ways, not just through listening. That means it can be helpful to bring in visual elements, movement, and other strategies to your small group room. This week, as a conversation starter, show a few images of Jesus that you find online to get students talking.

SAY THIS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe what Jesus looks like in pictures or paintings that you've seen.
2. How do the people around you talk about and describe Jesus?
3. Who has shaped your view of Jesus the most? Parents? Church leaders? Friends? Yourself?
4. If Jesus IS God, how does that affect the way we see everything He did and said?
5. Did something you heard today change the way you think about who Jesus is? If so, what?
6. What's one way you can follow Jesus' example this week? (Leaders — read this list about Jesus and encourage your students to pick one to focus on.)
 - He had a compassionate heart.
 - He was kind to the lowest people socially.
 - He was constantly giving.
 - He loved unlovable people.
 - He treated people with acceptance.
 - He was submissive to authority.
 - He forgave people who wronged him.
 - He spent time with God.
 - He didn't leverage his power for personal gain.

TRY THIS

Leaders — Encourage your students to set a daily reminder this week to follow through on their answer to question six.