

Love This Book// God and the Messiah

Main Idea: We live in the middle of a cosmic battle. We constantly have to choose between the forces of heaven and hell.

For many of us this is the first week of Life Group. Spend plenty of time getting to know each other. Don't worry about getting through the questions.

Connecting

If you had an entire day all to yourself, how would you spend it?

What is your "happy place"?

Understanding

Read Matthew 16:13-27.

What were some common misconceptions of who Jesus was?

How did the disciples respond to Jesus' question in v. 13? What is the significance about the place and timing of this important Q & A session (vs. 13-16)?

How did Peter misunderstand the role of the Messiah? What did Jesus want his disciples to know (vs. 21-23)?

What categories do people have for Jesus today (wise teacher, good person, sage)? What assumptions do people have about being a Christ Follower today?

Living

How would you respond if Jesus were to ask you, "Who do you say that I am?"

How can we listen more effectively to God? What in your life prevents you from listening to God?

Have you ever felt that God's plans or expectations for you would interfere with your happiness?

How can we enjoy happiness in our lives without it becoming life's ultimate goal?