

Chapter 1 – Jesus the Messiah

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

Coaching Conversations:

You're in the final stretch of the Bible overview as we begin the first chapter on the New Testament. We hope and pray that you are feeling encouraged as you look back over the previous week and see how the Lord has used you to bring greater understanding of the Biblical narrative to the minds and lives of your group members. As the end of our study draws near, continue to observe and identify people in your group who show the potential and character to eventually become leaders themselves. While God has equipped all believers to be disciplers, He has not determined for everyone in your group to be leaders, and that's ok! Everyone has their own place and role in the body (as we'll learn more about in chapter 4). As you continue to identify those who exhibit leadership qualities and potential, consider giving them more opportunities to lead over these closing weeks. Look for ways that you can encourage, equip and come alongside those individuals to eventually lead others as well. God has called us to make disciples who go and make disciples as well, and you as the leader can model this to your group through your intentional investment in those who show leadership potential.

How HIS-story becomes My Story:

GOD'S STORY - God sends His Son Jesus, the 2nd person of the Trinity, as the central piece of His plan of redemption.

OUR STORY - We are able to be reconciled to God and can be in relationship with Him because of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection.

MY STORY - My response is to receive the Gospel and repent from my old way of living.

Starting the Conversation:

Begin your group by asking your group members, *"Has your view of who Jesus is changed as a result of your study and reading this week?"*

Additional Recommended Resources:

- *"Did Jesus Claim to be God?"* – By: Hank Hanegraaff, of *The Christian Research Institute*
- *"How Can Jesus be God and Man?"* – By: Matt Perman on *DesiringGod.org*