

Community Group Discussion Guide
Week 9 – Son of God
John 1:29-34 and Luke 3:21-22

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Read John 1:29-34 and Luke 3:21-22 and then answer the following questions.

Introduction

The Gospel of John provides the most comprehensive and penetrating answer to the central question of history... Who is Jesus Christ?

The answer to this question, as I see it, isn't a flat, one dimensional answer. There are many dimensions to who Jesus is. It's in understanding each one that we understand who he is, and what this means for us.

Questions for Study

1. What are some of the most significant words that people in your life have said to you? How did these words impact you?
2. What was the significance of John the Baptist's statement: *"I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."*
3. Read Luke 3:23. What did the event of the baptism of Jesus inaugurate in the life of Jesus? How old was Jesus at this point?
4. Reread Luke 3:21-22. How would you describe the "power of the Father's words" in this passage?
5. How was Jesus' identity affirmed by God the Father? (Reread Luke 3:21-22) What events would those words prepare Jesus to soon face?
6. What does it mean to be a person that is "in Christ"? How does God the Father see you in Christ? (See 1 Peter 2:9, Eph 1:4-5, Ps 139:1-4, Col 2:13-14, John 1:12-13)
7. What was your father's role in your life? Did he speak words of affirmation into your life? How did those words or the lack of those words impact you?
8. When you think about the words that your Heavenly Father speaks over your life in Christ...what does "how He sees you" mean to you? How does it affect your life? What does it make you want to do with your faith in Christ?
9. Think this week about whose life God could use you to speak into. Is there a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor, a person in your family who you could lift up by speaking some authentic words of encouragement into their life? Take that as a challenge and report back to your group next week how it went and what it meant to that person.