



Small Group Discussion Guide

"The Gospel of Mark"

Week of April 2, 2018

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- I. Today we will pick up back in Mark, chapter eight. Read [Mark 8:27-30](#). How do people tend to answer the question today, "Who is Jesus"? What are the options for someone who claims divinity? How can you judge his claims as true or false? Are there other religious leaders who claimed to be more than simply "human"? How do we judge their claims?

- II. John the Baptist believed in Jesus as the Son of God, but then doubted. Read [Luke 7:18-28](#). Why was John doubting Jesus? Can you relate? Any personal examples of when you had serious doubts? How did Jesus answer John's question about him? Note [Isaiah 61:1-3](#). How can we help a fellow believer overcome doubt?

- III. Finish the text. Read [Mark 8:31-33](#). Jesus clarifies Messiah's mission. How did Peter take it and why the misunderstanding? How can we help people understand the gospel today, people who have in mind "the things of men", worldly things? Note [2 Corinthians 4:1-6](#).

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