

Reference

seeing Jesus rightly

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GROUP CHECK-IN:

Part of the rhythms of us as a group is to move beyond just *learning* but moving through life together. This space to start is a great way to begin to move into sharing rhythms together, trusting and being faithful with the relationships entrusted to us.

Ask this question: ***"How have you experienced the love of Jesus this week?"***

Give space for everyone to answer, stopping to pray for one another as the Holy Spirit leads.

MESSAGE TAKEAWAYS:

"THEOLOGY AND ARROGANCE CANNOT COEXIST. THEOLOGY HUMBLER US AND KEEPS JESUS AT THE FOREFRONT OF ALL WE SAY, THINK, AND DO."

SUNDAY TEACHING RECAP:

Our new series will tackle a few important theological questions about Jesus. Pastor Alex started by walking us through four objections some take to theology.

1. Theology is a killjoy.
2. Theology just divides people.
3. Theology is useless information.
4. Holy arrogance.

Before you begin: Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your time, that you would challenge each other full of **grace** and **truth**, and that if any have leaned into these objections that Jesus would soften our hearts and open our minds to what He wants to teach us through His Word.



CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- Take some time as a group to dialogue on the four objections? What are the tensions between real hurt and not letting the enemy lead us away from growing in knowledge of God? ***Hold one another's responses with grace and dignity. Everyone is a work in process, and the Holy Spirit is the One who does the working out in each of us.***
- We unpacked the question "Why did Jesus have to live a human life?" Read ***Hebrews 4:14-16***. Reread this as a group. Share key words and phrases - how does this text communicate the doctrine of Jesus' human life?

FINAL THOUGHTS:

As we continue to grow together as learners, our knowledge of Jesus must be rooted in a relationship with Jesus that blossoms into worship of Jesus. Our job as the church is to make much of Jesus in a world that doesn't know him.

Next Steps (INDIVIDUAL): Read **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**. When you reflect on your story, looking at your faith journey - have you found yourself boasting in the Lord or boasting in other things? Take time to offer praise to Jesus for what He has done and as needed to repent where you have boasted in things other than the Lord.

Next Steps (COMMUNITY): When others look at your community, what do they see? What are you known for? What are tangible ways you have been making much of Jesus? How may you need to be more intentional about making much of Him?