

Week 3

Son of God

The man at the centre of the gospel of Matthew is not just any other Old Testament spokesperson. Matthew 1:18 makes this clear at the very start of the gospel. Here in flesh and blood is the very Son of God. It is not just his title, it is his state of being. He has the authority to represent God.

Share your thoughts on last Sunday's sermon, what were the salient points for you? Share them with your group and any further reflections on the topic.

There are a number of references in Matthew's gospel from others describing Jesus as Son of God. Look them up and discuss the various ways that Jesus is represented; 3:17, 4:3,6 8:29, 14:33, 26:63, 27:54

- What light do they shed on who Jesus is? (think about the particular view these statements come from and what they represent)
- Is there anything that stands out for you? Particularly that changes the way you think about Jesus?

How does Jesus being the Son of God, alter the way you act and live day to day?

Spend some time talking about the authority that Jesus has because he is the Son of God. What does this mean for the present and what does this mean for the future, from your perspective?

Why do you think God would send his Son into the world? Don't give the 'pat' answer but what do you believe.... ?

Having discussed Jesus as the Son of God, can you name any feelings that arise in you from this truth of who Jesus is?

Spend some time in prayer for each other.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navy's that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life." Dr James Allan Francis