

## Small Group News

**Family Night, Week 2 of New Classes:** Wednesday, October 2nd

**Men's Conference 2019:** Friday & Saturday, October 11-12

**Baptism:** Saturday & Sunday, October 12-13

**Fall Fest:** Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – need 1200lbs of candy

**Pray for:** Sunrise Sports: Flag Football Season, Men's Conference, Fall Fest

## BIG QUESTIONS // REAL ANSWERS

(Part 5) September 28-29

### INTRODUCTION:

Throughout the month of September, the sermon series at Sunrise Church is focusing on some of the most difficult questions about God and Christianity.

The question of the week is: Is Jesus Really God?

**Opening Questions:** What are some of the arguments/reasons people give for not believing Jesus is God? If not He is not God, who was He?

### GROUP DISCUSSION:

**READ:** John 1:1-5; and John 1:9-14

1. What do these verses suggest about "The Word" in terms of His relationship to God? Who is the Word?
2. In what ways was the Word misunderstood (v.5) or unrecognized (10)? Why do people not receive Him as God in the flesh (v.11)?
3. What are some examples of the natural tension between grace (God wants people with Him) and truth (people are sinners)? How does the Word solve this? Hint: John 1:11&12

**READ:** Philippians 2:5-11

4. What does Paul (the writer of Philippians) mean when he writes that Jesus, “did not consider equality with God something to be used to His advantage?” How would Paul answer the question, “Was Jesus God?”
  
5. In vv.9-11 what are the evidences Paul lists for Jesus being God in the flesh?
  
6. Discuss some of the differences between Jesus’ behavior and other religious leaders/founders that indicate that He believed He was God. Discuss things Jesus said, and did, that validate His belief.

## **Conclusion**

7. As we wrap up the Big Questions series, which question was your biggest struggle? Which answer helped you the most?
  - If God is good why is there evil in the world?
  - How could a loving God send people to Hell?
  - Do all religions lead to God?
  - Can the Bible be trusted?
  - Is Jesus God?
  
8. How will you answer each question now that you have heard this series? What new questions do you have?
  
9. How can this group help each other in sharing their faith story with others who may ask the questions from this series; or who have additional questions?