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Series Overview

- Who is Christ?
- What does Christ do?
- How do you know?
- Why does it matter?

This guide will explore answers to these questions.

Using This Guide

You may choose to use this guide:

- for personal study and reflection
- as a discussion guide with any group of people interested in knowing more about Christ.

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1-Who Christ Is

Icebreaker: Interviewing Christ

If you could interview Christ, what three questions would you ask Him about Himself?

Questions for Study or Discussion

- Although **Colossians 1:15** states that Christ is the “image” of God, this wording does **not** mean He is just a symbol. He is an exact representation (**Heb 1:3** and **John 1:18**) in a form that we can see. What might it have been like for the disciples to see God by seeing Jesus?
- What do **John 14:9** and **John 8:58** say about Christ’s identity?
- Christ is the Preeminent One. Every knee will bow to Him (**Php 2:10-11**). He is fully God:
 - ▶ **Col 1:19**
 - ▶ **Col 2:9**
 - ▶ **1John 5:7**Brainstorm ways to explain how Christ has a unique identity and yet is fully God. Why is understanding this important?
- Pray that you may know Christ better (**Php 3:7-11**).

Dig a Little Deeper: His Names

For more insight into who Christ is, consider some of His names.

Verse	Christ's Name
John 1:1	Word of God
John 10:11	Good Shepherd
Heb 3:1	High Priest
Mat 1:23	Immanuel
Rom 10:13	Lord
1Cor 5:7	Passover Lamb
Acts 5:31	Savior
1Cor 10:4	Rock

Application Exercise: Get to Know Him

Over the next week, consider the names of God in the “Dig a Little Deeper” section. Which of His names are most meaningful to you at this time? To which of His names do you feel least connected?

Think about a time when you clung to the fact that Jesus is your Good Shepherd, Savior, Rock (or other name). How did this knowledge carry you through the difficult time?

Pray, telling God that you want to know Him as He desires. Pledge to let go of those things that are preventing you from getting to know Him better.

2-What Christ Does

Icebreaker: Things You Do

Think about each of your roles (Christ-follower, spouse, parent, adult child, employee, leader, friend...). List some of the things you do in those roles.

Questions for Study or Discussion

- If Jesus created all things for Himself, then He created you for Himself (**Col 1:16**). In what ways does this comfort you or concern you? For what purpose did He create you (**Rev 4:11**)?

- What can we do to be in the position of receiving the best from Him (**Col 1:17**, **Mat 7:11**, **Psa 103:13**)?

- In what way is Christ the head of the Church, each individual church, and each believer (**Col 1:18**)?
 - ▶ If He is the head, there will be times when He corrects us for our own good. What should our view of that correction be (**Heb 12:9**)?
 - ▶ If He is the head, we can accomplish more than we imagine. What types of things could He accomplish in your life if you embrace Him as your head (**Eph 3:20**)?

- In what way does Jesus give us peace with God?
 - ▶ **Col 1:20**
 - ▶ **John 16:33**
 - ▶ **Acts 10:36**In what other ways does He give us peace?
 - ▶ **Eph 2:15**
 - ▶ **2The 3:16**

Dig a Little Deeper: Our Deliverer

Using the Scripture references in the table, make a list of things Christ does as our deliverer (**Col 2:10**).

2Cor 5:17
1Tim 4:10
Luke 8:22-25
2Cor 4:7-10

Application Exercise: First Place

Find a place to be alone with God. Ask Him to help you realize whether He simply has a place in your life or if He has **first place** in your life. Ask Him to help you see where you are not making Him first. Begin with one thing to change that will let Him know you are serious about your relationship with Him.