

Who is Jesus?

The Head of the Church

Getting Started...

Before you start, ask someone to pray for the facilitator who will guide the discussion.

Getting to Know One Another... Who was your first "true love" growing up?

Pastor Mark Rhoads said that the church is made up of many parts that are to function together; we are literally the hands and feet of Jesus. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Describe yourself as a "part" of the body of Christ. Why did you choose that part?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:26 How good are you at hurting with a fellow believer who is suffering, and rejoicing with one who is honored? Which comes easier to you? Why?

What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

How connected are you to your church body? How is that illustrated in your life?

More....

Read 1 John 3:16

What does it mean to "lay down our lives for our brothers"?

How successful are we at doing that (personally? As a LifeGroup? As a church?)

Teams have uniforms. Companies have logos. Some groups wear fezzes; others, yarmulkes. If you're a certain age, you probably have a tattoo or two or twenty. People seek to categorize themselves. Jesus created a group identified by how they love one another; can you define what it means to love as Christ did?

Read these examples and answer this question for each one: "What impact would it have on your relationships if you really did what the verse said?"

- Romans 12:16
- Galatians 6:2
- James 5:16

How would our church be different if we all did what those verses say? How would your own life be different?

Read Acts 20:28 What does this verse say about the motivation of church leaders? (Note that they are to watch over themselves first before they can watch over the flock). What does it say about the *deity* of Jesus?

Taking It Home... Can you be a leader in your church or in your own home without spending time with God? Examine your heart: Is God the source of all your strength?

Daily Readings

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| Day 1 | | 1 Timothy 4:16 |
| Day 2 | | 1 John 3:11-24 |
| Day 3 | | Hebrews 10:24-25 |
| Day 4 | | Ephesians 5:25 |
| Day 5 | | Acts 20:28 |
| Day 6 | | Colossians 1:17-18 |
| Day 7 | | Romans 12:16 |