



MESSAGE GROUPS - MILES WELCH, 12STONE SUMMER - JULY 14

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

A fresh vision of the Height of Jesus' Sovereignty, The Nearness of Jesus' Presence and The Depth of Jesus' Love allows us to be open to what the Holy Spirit wants to do in our lives. God has to move in us before He can move through us, so when we have a clear picture of who Jesus is, we are able to more fully experience the power of God in our lives.

ICEBREAKER:

What did you grow up believing about who Jesus was? How has that view changed or stayed the same?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

We imagine Jesus as our loving Savior who is there for us only in our time of need and who we can praise when something good happens. But we can often get stuck in our idea of who He is, which can lead to a limited understanding of what He desires to do through us. With a fresh vision of Jesus, we gain a fresh vision of who we can be when we are fully living our lives with His presence and power.

***Q:** What are some areas you think people often think too small of Jesus? What influences have spoken into your view of who He is?*

In the book of Revelation, John receives three pictures of Jesus. All of these visions represent a Jesus we may not recognize, but they help us understand the unlimited power of who He is.

***Q:** Read Revelation 1:9-16 aloud. This picture encompasses that Jesus is sovereign, meaning he is in control of all that happens - he is the author and the allower of all details in our lives. Does knowing Jesus is sovereign change how you turn to him with your needs and praises?*

***Q:** Read Revelation 2:1 aloud. This picture represents the nearness of Jesus. He walks with us even when we feel alone. What things can you look to as evidence of Jesus' nearness in your life?*

***Q:** Read Revelation 5 aloud. This chapter depicts the power of Jesus' love. Through loving people like Jesus loves us, we are able to impact those in need. In what ways does the love of Jesus challenge you to love those around you in a different way?*

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Having a fresh vision of Jesus allows us to remember the sacrifice of our savior and how his power can move through us; but first, he has to move in us.

Leaders: Encourage your group to pray for a fresh vision of who Jesus truly is and to ask God to open their hearts and minds to what He will teach them in this next season. Also, remind everyone to bring supplies for the School Supply Drive on Sunday, July 21.

