

Who Is This Man? Authorised User

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START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

- Who taught you how to use your first cell phone? If you're like me, you still don't know how to use some features on those complicated devices. What's one question you still have about your cell phone?
- Do you use Face ID, Touch ID (your fingerprint), or a password to unlock your phone? Why have Face and Touch ID become so popular? What extra measure of protection do they provide?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking.

John 14:1-14

- Read this passage and notice the promises in it for you. Which promise is most precious to you and why?
- The primary verse for this sermon is John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." This is one of the seven great "I am" statements in the Gospel of John. Share the most meaningful truth in this verse to you and why.

Genesis 1:27

• This passage teaches that we are made in the "image of God." What does this mean, and how are we supposed to reflect this each day?

Matthew 4:17

From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the kingdom of Heaven is near."

- If you have repented of your sins, what did you do when you first did it? How did you realize you needed to repent?
- How did Pastor Carl define the "kingdom of Heaven?" What are the four essential elements of any kingdom?

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

John 14:6 reminds us of three truths about the kingdom of Heaven:

1. Authorised Users Know the Way to the Kingdom.

- What did Pastor Carl mean when he said, "Jesus didn't want just to give directions, but instructions too"? How do we hear or learn of those instructions?
- Jesus isn't just a way or a path, but he is the way to a Person Jesus! Why is it so much better to be led to a Person than to be given directions only?

2. Authorised Users Know the Truth of the Kingdom.

- Read John 14:8-11 again. How is it possible that disciples could "hang around with Jesus and yet still didn't know who Jesus really was?"
- Pastor Carl said there are two types of truths: facts/information and faith.
 Which does our culture seem to promote the most? Which do you seem to be preoccupied with the most? What two things could a Christian do to change their focus more to faith?
- What did Pastor Carl mean when he said, "Don't let what you're looking at determine what you see?"

3. Authorised Users Have Life in the Kingdom.

• Kingdom people are different. Culture tells everyone to live life, and even tells them how to live it, but in the kingdom of Heaven, the truth is you don't just live life – you have life! Share what this means to you and how it can change how you live today.

KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What is your next step after hearing this message?
- Pick one of this week's key Scriptures and make it a reminder on your phone. Spend a few minutes repeating it and thinking about it each day.

KEEP PRAYING

- Prayer requests from everyone at group
- Prayer