

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Mighty Warrior, From the Everlasting, Victor's Crown, Fairest Lord Jesus

WELCOME

Who is Jesus? Fill in the blank based on your personal experience: Jesus is _____.

WORD

JOHN 1:1-4, 14

¹ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ² *He was in the beginning with God...* ³ *All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.* ⁴ *In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.*

¹⁴ *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

WHY KNOW JESUS?

Knowing Jesus affect our lives both now and until the end of time. The gospel of John was written so that we may find life in believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (**John 17:3; John 20:31-32; 10:10**).

We cannot know God apart from Jesus. He declared, "I am the way, and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me." What would it mean if He was right?

Following Him happens when you know and have relationship with Him. If we know Jesus, we will love Him. If we love Him, we will trust Him. If we trust Him, we will commit our lives to Him and obey Him.

Our lives should reflect our knowledge of Him through our obedience.

WHO IS JESUS?

1. **Jesus is the Word (John 1:1).**

The *logos*, or *word*, was a popular term in Greek culture and philosophy. It was the impersonal, powerful and invisible force that put the universe together. To the Jews, *logos* represented the will of God by which the world came to be.

2. **Jesus Was Not Created (John 1:2).**

"In the beginning was [Jesus], and [Jesus] was with God, and [Jesus] was God. [Jesus] was in the beginning with God." Before the beginning of time, Jesus already existed. He was not created. Jesus is infinite.

3. **Jesus is the Creator (John 1:3).**

In fact, Jesus created all things. In Colossians 1:16, Paul says that "all things have been created by Him and for Him." We cannot understand true life until we know Jesus, our Creator. We are accountable to our Maker. In failing to follow His design, we fail to reach our full potential, leading to self-destruction.

4. **Jesus is Life (John 1:4, 9; 5:21).**

In Jesus is eternal life. He restores not only our physical but also our spiritual lives. Without spiritual life, we would still be in darkness. We would not understand the Bible, nor would we be excited to study it. We must receive the life from Jesus for our hearts and minds to be opened to listen to the Word of God.

5. **Jesus appeared in the Old Testament.**

The Old Testament records that the Lord appeared to many people in various occasions. But the Bible also says that no one has ever seen God at any time (**John 1:18, 1 Timothy 6:15-16**). Given this, who then was the Lord who appeared to Abraham, Moses, Jacob and Joshua? Bible scholars believe that it was Jesus.

6. **Jesus is God in the Tri-Unity.**

In Genesis, the Bible uses the Hebrew word *Elohim*, plural of *El*, to address God. Though there is only one God, He eternally exists in three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus is God but He is not the Father, nor the Holy Spirit.

WORD (cont'd)

KNOWING JESUS

God constantly pursues us through Jesus. Many times He speaks to us, but like Jacob, we wrestle with Him. However, when God touched Jacob's hip, he could no longer run away from God. The greatest blessing is when we are completely dependent on God. We can no longer run away from Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. The Word.** According to **John 1:1-2, 14**, who is the Word? What key words affirmed your answer?
- 2. Know Jesus.** Do you know Jesus? How do you say so? What would you do to know Him more every day?
- 3. Jesus Is.** Based on who you say Jesus is (from Question #1), how would you introduce Jesus to others?

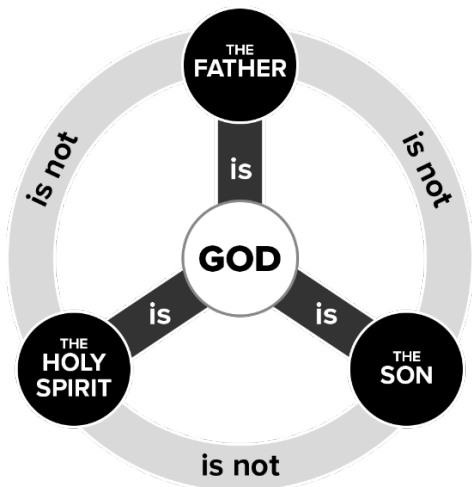
When we go deeper in our knowledge of Jesus, it will forever change our behavior, and ultimately our lives. Our behavior is a byproduct of our belief system.

Real happiness is found in knowing, loving, trusting and obeying Jesus. We should strive to know Jesus more today than we knew Him yesterday.

WORKS

FAMILY CULTURE BUILDING

There is only one God, eternally existing in three Persons – the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit.



Let God humble you as you list down insights and revelations from God in His Word about this diagram. Share it with somebody in your small group today.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends