

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Explore God

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Additional questions for Week 5: Is Jesus Really God?

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John 20

Instruction:

Discussion Group leaders should preview the videos and questions provided through exploregod.com as well as these “additional questions.” With your unique group in mind, leaders should pick and choose which elements meet the needs of their group best.

Guide: <https://my.exploregod.com/resources/facilitators-guide-7-big-questions>

Video #1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5tX1DgdzRg&feature=youtu.be>

Video #2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjDPkDEGPqk&feature=youtu.be>

Read the following experiences from John 20:

- John believes:

Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.
John 20:8 (NIV)

- Mary believes:

15 Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).
John 20:15-16 (NIV)

- Thomas believes:

25 He said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”
John 20:25-28 (NIV)

Questions:

1. What unique type of evidence did each of the three (John, Mary and Thomas) need?
2. John seems to have found it easiest to believe in Jesus? Why do you think he found it easy?
3. Thomas seems to have found it hardest to believe in Jesus? Why was it hard for Thomas?
4. If you believe that Jesus is God, what has led to that belief?
5. What should be the results of believing that Jesus is God?