

King and Cross || What is Life All About?

Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' baptism revealed the Triune God in [Mark 1:8-11](#) and as difficult as it can be to wrap our minds around the concept of a triune God, we clearly see all three persons of the Godhead at Jesus' baptism. The Son is baptized, the Father speaks, and the Spirit descends onto Jesus "like a dove." Like the ending of Matthew's Gospel ([28:19-20](#)), the beginning of the Gospel of Mark gives us a brief glimpse into the nature of our God, the great Three in One. It also serves as a confirming witness concerning the identity of Jesus the Son.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What was the highlight of your holidays?
2. What exciting things are you looking forward to in the new year?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What relationship in your life has impacted you for good?
2. What does [Mark 1:8-11](#) teach us about the Trinity?
3. What can we learn from the connection between God the Father and God the Son?
What does this show us about Jesus' character?
4. Read [John 1:29-34](#). How would you describe the difference between John's baptism and Jesus' baptism in [vs. 8](#)?
5. Why is [Mark 1:10-11](#) significant? Why do you think God the Father said this?
6. God, in His essence, is relational and has invited us into relationship with Him. In what ways can you challenge yourself to love God and love people authentically this week?

PRAYER

Go around your group and ask for prayer requests. As a group, spend time praying over each other. Check your HEART. Are you Hurting, Exhausted, Angry, Resentful, or Tense? Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal any of these areas and ask for help to take the necessary steps to find healing.

God, thank you for sending the very best. Thank you for Jesus. Help us that we may live and love like Jesus. Help us first to ask what we can give rather than what we can get. May we “improve our serve.” May we impart the same sense of value to those around us as you imparted to us through your sacrifice for our sin and making us new creations. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Care Groups will start up the week of February 13th. For more information and to sign-up, go to care.sv.cc
- Are you new to Sun Valley and looking to learn more about Sun Valley, meet your campus staff and get more connected with other new people? Register for our New Here Event taking place at your campus the weekend of January 21st and 22nd. Go to NewHere.sv.cc to sign-up.