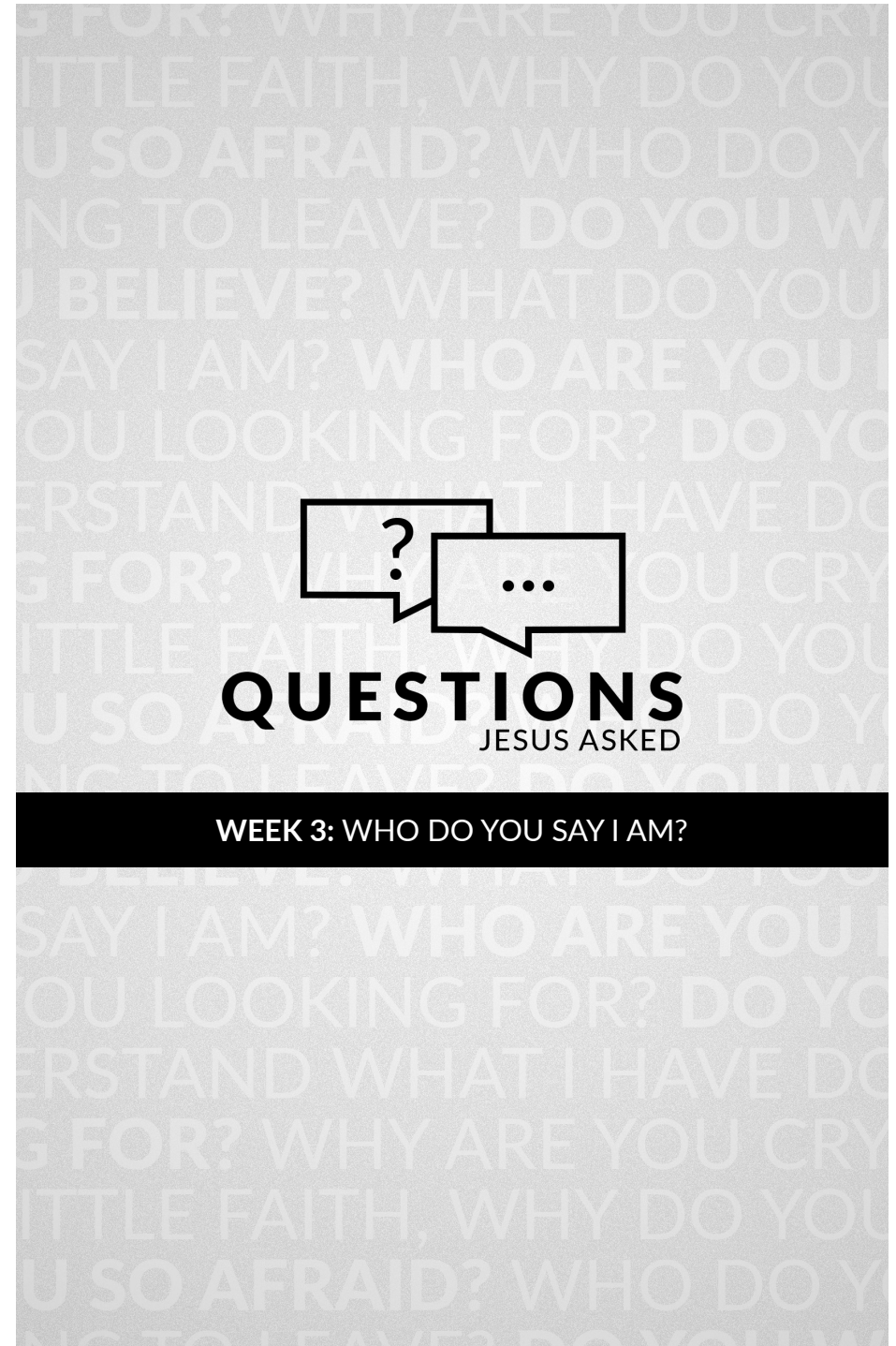


NOTES & QUOTES



The graphic features a background of repeating text in a light gray font: "FOR? WHY ARE YOU CRY", "ITTLE FAITH, WHY DO YOU", "U SO AFRAID? WHO DO Y", "NG TO LEAVE? DO YOU W", "BELIEVE? WHAT DO YOU", "SAY I AM? WHO ARE YOU", "OU LOOKING FOR? DO YO", "ERSTAND WHAT I HAVE DO", "G FOR? WHY ARE YOU CRY", "ITTLE FAITH, WHY DO YOU", "U SO AFRAID? WHO DO Y", "NG TO LEAVE? DO YOU W".

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QUESTIONS
JESUS ASKED

WEEK 3: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Thinking about your schooling, career, teams or hobbies, have you had a teacher that you think was exceptional? What made them so helpful?
2. Name a great athlete who commentators would say, “thinks the game well”. In a physical competition why does thinking and questioning give an athlete an advantage?
3. Using your own language, respond to Jesus’ question, “Who do you say I am?” Try using no more than three words to describe who Jesus is.

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Luke 6:40. What does this verse tell us about the nature and purpose of Christian discipleship?
5. In Matthew 16:13-17. Jesus refers to himself as “the Son of Man”. Why do you think he would describe himself in such an open-ended way?
6. Why do you think Jesus seeks to keep his identity hidden, except from those who truly sought to follow him?
7. Theologian Alister McGrath writes, “All sin is ingratitude towards God.” Explain.
8. Pastor Tim Keller says, “An idol is anything more important to you than God. Anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give. If we take Christianity out of it, an idol is the thing that drives your life.” Why do you think people chase and worship false idols when Jesus, the real thing, is available?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. Like the disciples, we are all on a journey towards knowing who Jesus truly is, that develops in deepens over time. What is the most interesting thing you have learned (or discovered in a deeper way) about Jesus recently?
10. Set aside time, about an hour or so, to read through a gospel in one sitting. It can be helpful to do this more than once over a period of time. As you read, keep company with Jesus. Ask for deeper understanding of his relationship with God who he called “Abba Father.” Notice the way he relates to people, especially those who live on the fringes of society. Look for overarching themes and repeated phrases.
11. Honestly before God, is there anything that has absorbed your heart, or imagination more than God? Is there anything that you seek to satisfy your soul, more than God or instead of God?
12. What question do you think Jesus might be asking you right now, at this moment of your life?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

Without Christ, there is no Christianity. Jesus is at the centre of the Christian faith. Knowing Jesus as the Christ is the essential first step to life in the Kingdom of God..

“You are the Christ, the son of the living God.”
Matthew 16:16