

# **Sermon Discussion** Guide

March 8 & 9, 2025 "Who Is Jesus?" John 10:24-30

"The Jesus Who's More Than We Think" is a six-week sermon series exploring the true identity of Jesus beyond cultural assumptions and watered-down beliefs. This series invites you to rediscover Jesus in his fullness and experience the transformation that comes from knowing him as he truly is.

## **PRAY & CONNECT**

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on hopeonline.tv. Did you have any ah-ha moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

## **GROW**

### Read John 10:24-33 - "Jesus Claims to Be the Son of God"

- What stands out to you when Jesus says, "The Father and I are one"? What do you think religious leaders felt when they heard this claim?
- Why do you think some people prefer to see Jesus as just a moral teacher rather than divine?
- In what areas do you struggle to fully trust Jesus' authority? How can you live with greater confidence in his power and presence?
- How would you explain Jesus' divinity to someone who believes he was just a good teacher? What evidence from Scripture or history strengthens your confidence in who he is? How can you share this truth with others in a way that is inviting rather than argumentative?

#### Read Hebrews 1:1-4 - "Jesus Christ Is God's Son"

- What does it mean for Jesus to be the "exact imprint" of God's nature? How does this challenge the idea that all religions lead to the same God? What emotions does this passage stir in you?
- Why is it important that Jesus is greater than prophets, angels, and religious leaders? How does this compare to what the world believes?
- How does knowing that Jesus is supreme change how you pray, worship, and read Scripture?
- If Jesus truly upholds the universe by his power, what does that mean for the challenges you face?

## Read Colossians 1:15-20 - "Christ Is Supreme"

- How does it change your understanding of Jesus to know he is the "visible image of the invisible God"? What does this reveal about God's desire for us to know him? What common misunderstandings about Jesus does this passage correct?
- Paul says all things were created through Jesus and for him. What does that mean for how we view the world and our own lives? How does this truth challenge cultural views of self-importance and independence?
- How does recognizing lesus' supremacy affect the way you live?
- If all things hold together in Jesus, what does that mean for your personal struggles? How can you remind yourself that he is in control?

#### Read Philippians 2:5-11 - "Have the Attitude of Christ"

- What emotions do you feel when you read about Jesus humbling himself to the point of death on a cross? How does this contrast with worldly views of power and success? How does this shape your understanding of leadership?
- Paul says one day every knee will bow to Jesus. How does this challenge people who see him as just one religious figure among many?
- How does knowing that lesus is Lord influence your daily decisions?
- Jesus' humility led to his exaltation. How can you reflect that same humility in your relationships, workplace, or church?

### **APPLY**

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- Examine your beliefs about Jesus. Do you fully embrace Jesus as God, or have you minimized his role in your life? Identify one area where you need to trust him more.
- Deepen your relationship with Jesus. Set aside intentional time to read the Gospels and ask yourself whether you are seeing Jesus for who he truly is. Journal your thoughts or share with a trusted friend.
- Share the truth about Jesus. Identify someone who may have a misunderstanding about Jesus and pray for an opportunity to share what you've learned in a way that invites conversation, not debate.

