Group Guide

Son of God/Son of Man

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Main Passage: John 20:30-31; Daniel 7:13-14; Philippians 2:6-11

Theological Theme

In the incarnation, Jesus was both fully God and fully human.

Introduction

- Why is it valuable to recite this creed regularly as a body of believers?
- What parts of the creed stand out most to you? Why?

1. Son of God (John 20:30-31)

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Many of us learned this truth in church when we were young. But for many Jews living during Jesus's earthly ministry, this was hard to accept.

- When you hear Jesus described as the "Son of God," what comes to mind? How would you explain this truth to someone who is not a Christian?
- What other truths about Jesus did John outline in this passage, and why are they important?
- In light of His deity, how does Jesus's birth display the humility with which He came to earth?

2. Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14)

In this passage, Daniel had a glimpse of the heavenly throne room. There, he saw the "Ancient of Days" on the throne (God the Father, v. 9) and, later, "one like a son of man" (v. 13) approaching Him. The "son of man" here is none other than Jesus Christ.

- When you hear "Son of Man," what do you think of? How would you explain this to someone who is not a Christian?
- Why is it important that Jesus is fully man and not only fully God?

How do you respond when you hear that Jesus can relate to the struggles you face daily? What might make this difficult to believe?

3. Fully God and Fully Man (Philippians 2:6-11)

Jesus was fully God and fully human at the same time. It's hard to wrap our heads around this idea, but both things are true, and this understanding of Jesus is essential to our faith. The theological term for this idea is the hypostatic union. We don't see this term used in Scripture, but we see its truth in this passage from the apostle Paul, who wrote some of the most important Christology (the theological study of Christ) in the New Testament.

What does this passage outline about both Jesus's divinity and His humanity?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus's character?

How challenging do you find it to hold the truth of Jesus being both fully God and fully man? Why is it important that we hold to this truth, even if it's difficult to comprehend?

Conclusion

What can we learn about God and His character from our study today?

The author of Hebrews noted that Jesus is able to empathize with us in our human experience (4:15, NIV). How does this affect the way we approach the Lord in times of trouble or when we mess up?

How should this impact the way we approach the Advent season? What about the way we share Jesus with others?