

Personal/Small Group Study

Week of April 14, 2024 A.D.

Jesus! Do You Know Him?

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

1. State the name of a well-known person who is currently alive on earth with whom you would like to have a personal, face-to-face, four-hour conversation. Please state why you have chosen that particular person. What benefit would you hope to receive from the time which you spend with that person?
2. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "During a person's life on planet earth, it is extremely rare for any person to have more than five close friends whom they really know and whom they can really trust with the details of their life."

Read John 15:12-14

3. What benefit does Jesus expect to receive from a person who claims to believe in Jesus for eternal life? How is the life of Jesus impacted and/or changed if you choose not to be a friend of Jesus? How is your life affected and/or changed if you choose not to be a friend of Jesus?
4. Does Jesus expect every Christian to love Jesus? Does Jesus expect every Christian to do what Jesus commands? In your opinion, does the church family of which you are a member love and obey Jesus? Would Jesus agree with that opinion?

Read John 13:34-35

5. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Love is doing something helpful or kind for another person - in Jesus' name - without giving any thought to the cost or to the consequences to yourself."

6. Does your church family (and does the collective church in America) love one another "as Christ has loved" his disciples and his church? In your opinion, would your friends and neighbors agree: (a) that you are a disciple of Christ? (b) that every member of your church is a disciple of Christ? and (c) that every member of every church in America is a disciple of Christ?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

7. Does the resurrected Christ have all authority in heaven and on earth? Please explain (a) the full extent of the authority of Jesus Christ, (b) how Jesus received that authority, and (c) the extent to which Jesus has delegated that authority to the Church.
8. Is every person who regularly attends a weekly worship service at your church (a) a person who has been baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, (b) committed to being (or to becoming) a disciple of Jesus, and (c) willing to acknowledge that he or she has a duty to learn and to strive to obey every command of Christ?

Read Philippians 3:10-11

9. Is it optional (or is it an obligation) for a born-again child of God to want to know (a) Christ, (b) the power of Christ's resurrection, and (c) the fellowship of sharing in Christ's sufferings?

Read Ephesians 4:11-13

10. In your opinion, what should your church family be doing in response to what Paul has expressed in these verses?

Read Ephesians 4:14-16

11. Please discuss whether or not your church leaders and your church family (a) are making a sincere effort to obey the commands of Christ found in these verses, (b) have the desire and/or willingness to obey these commands, and/or (c) do not have the faith, the desire, and/or the discipline to obey these commands.

Consider: Jesus said, "when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" Do you have the faith which Christ is hoping to find when He comes? "You think about that." Amen.