

## Discussion Guide for God Is... Son Monday Messiah Week 9

Too often, we pit Jesus against God, as though they're playing good cop/bad cop with us. We end up afraid to reach out to God, afraid to pray. But John shows us that Jesus IS God, that he invites us into the interior life of God - a place where perfect love casts out all our fear!

## **Scriptures for Further Reading**

John 1:1-18 Psalm 1:1 Matthew 9:13 John 15:9-14

## **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a <a href="step-by-step guide here">step-by-step guide here</a>. The passage for this week's sacred reading is <a href="John 1:1-18">John 1:1-18</a>.

## **Questions for Discussion**

- 1. Do you relate to Jesus and the Father more as one God or different persons? Explain how you think about them. (Yes, it's super confusing. You're not trying to get the 'right answer' here. You're processing how you relate to them!)
- 2. John 1:1-18 is a prologue to the whole Gospel. What is the central verse? What does it say about God?
- 3. What do we mean when we say that Jesus is the perfect human? How is that connected to him being the "Word (or Wisdom) of God"?
- 4. Consider Psalm 1:1 and Matthew 9:13. How does Jesus teach us to read the Bible?
- 5. How does knowing Jesus change your week?