

CORE STUDY #1

WHO IS JESUS?

LEADER PREPARATION

The purpose of the first meeting is to introduce CORE members to one another and to discuss what CORE will look like for the rest of the term.

It is important that you refer to the following resources in your **Summit Training Guide**. They will give you a good outline of what your first CORE should look like and how to prepare for it.

- *“Preparing the CORE Meeting” pp. 24*
- *“First CORE Meeting” and “First CORE Checklist” - Appendix 5*
- *“Ice Breakers” - Appendix 7*

Once you have had time to get to know one another, discuss the purpose of CORE and invite students to share their past experiences in small groups. Then use the following short devotional from the Gospel of Mark. This devotional is meant to ‘wet people’s appetite’ for the rest of the term as we meet for CORE.

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Let the CORE members know that we will be studying the Gospel of Mark.

It would be good to incorporate some background information into your first CORE study. It is important that people have a grasp of these facts before reading Mark. Refer to p5.

One question that Mark wanted to answer was, “Who is Jesus?”

1. What do UBC students say about Jesus? Who do they say he is?

2. Where do these ideas about Jesus come from?

3. Jesus asked his closest friends who they thought he was (Mark 8:27, 29). Who do you think Jesus is?

- Was Jesus simply a man? Was he a great world religious teacher? Was he a prophet sent from God? Is he the Son of God, God in the flesh?

- This is the question Jesus asks each person of every generation.

- Mark believed Jesus was God. He believed God had come to earth to reconcile and restore people to Himself. Our answer to Jesus’ question will determine what each of us do with our lives. If Jesus is who he claimed to be, and who Mark believed him to be, then what we do with the rest of our lives matters.

- What you do with your time and how you live life this term at UBC matters. Mark argues that Jesus Christ is the living God, the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world.

- For the rest of this term we will explore and discuss the Gospel according to Mark. Come with your questions. What we study may challenge us at times. Perhaps even some of your assumptions about Jesus will change as we read Mark’s gospel. Come with a desire to experience God!