

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

## THE JESUS DILEMMA

OT Witness

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements this week...

## MEMORY VERSES

“Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.’” (John 8:58 ESV)

“For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.” (John 5:27-28 ESV)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but passed from death to life.” (John 5:24 ESV)

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### Getting Started

1. What is a theophany; as defined by Pastor Miles in his sermon.
2. Review the 3 points of “OT Witness” as listed in the lesson plan:
  1. Jesus is the ‘I AM’ who **independently** exists. (cf. Exodus; John 8:58)
  2. Jesus receives our **prayers**. (cf. Genesis 32; John 16:23)
  3. Jesus **judges** sin. (cf. Genesis 18; John 5:26-27)
  4. Jesus **fighters** our enemies. (cf. Josh. 5:13-15; Rev. 19:11-16)
  5. Jesus **protects** from hell fire. (cf. Dan. 3; Matt. 25:34; John 3:16; John 5:24)

## **Digging Deeper**

1. Read John 8:58, and then read Exodus 3:7-17 together as a group:

Has anyone ever said to you, “Jesus never actually calls himself God?”

If so, how would you answer them based on these passages? Do these passages help you in understanding Jesus as God and not another prophet or man?

2. John 5:18 states Jesus as claiming equality with the Father. And later in John 5:26-29 Jesus claims judgment has been reserved for himself. How do these passages change your view, or reverence of Jesus as God?

Examine the following passages as well: Matt. 22:41-46; Matt. 25:31-33; and John 10:25-30.

3. The doctrine of hell has been under much examination in our western culture. How do passages such as Matt. 25:41-46 clarify the importance of hell, and Jesus’ role in determining who would go and who wouldn’t?