

Greater Than the Sum of All Parts

Small Group Discussion Guide—8/19/2018

Imagine you are in a job interview and the interviewer begins by asking you to “tell me a little bit about yourself.” What would you say? Now imagine you are the interviewer and God is the applicant. How do you think He would answer this question?

Jesus has been called a teacher, a prophet, a miracle worker, etc. What are some other names of Jesus?

This week we studied that Jesus is Lord. In Psalm 110, David foreshadows the coming Messiah, or Lord. Read Psalm 110 now.

- Imagine you lived in 1000 BC and you heard this Psalm for the first time. What images does it paint? How does it shape your imagination for what the coming Lord will look like?
- Jesus did not look like the militaristic king that many people expected him to. Read verse 2 of the Psalm again. What expectations did this set for the Lord? In reality, how was this prophecy fulfilled?
- In fact, right off the bat, in verse 1, David throws a curveball when he calls the Lord “my Lord.” What are the implications of this?
- “To put enemies under his feet” was an old practice of conquering kings to show they are now the ruler. While ancient Israelites might have thought this meant physical conquering of kingdoms, we know now that Jesus conquered spiritual enemies. What “enemies” has Jesus put under His foot? Specifically – what areas of your life are conquered through Jesus?

The reality is, Jesus is not our Lord by military conquest. He is our Lord when we choose to place our trust in Him. Let’s read about some of the things Jesus said that might be different than what people expected. Think about the image this passage paints about the Lord.

- Matthew 11:28-30
- Compare and contrast the way Psalm 110 describes the Lord versus the gentle invitation extended by Jesus in this passage.
- Share with the group what it means to you personally that Jesus is Lord. Do you see him as the great conqueror, the gentle teacher, or something else all together?

Take some time to share prayer requests and to pray as a group. Pray this week that Jesus would show Himself to your group members, that they would see how He is greater than the sum of all his parts.