

# DISCOVERY



CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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***The Most Important Question, Emilie Knauss***

## **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

Mark 8:27-30

Mark 8:34-35

## **QUOTE**

*"[By becoming a Christian,] we change the master. By changing the Master into the Lord Jesus Christ, we kneel down before him and we surrender ourselves to him, confessing: You are my Lord, and You are my Savior. You are my King, and I will follow You and obey You from now on."*

- Sung Wook Chung

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. If you had to sum up what the past five months or so have been for you personally, what would you say? What has been the hardest part for you? What has been a good thing for you?
2. Michael Card says that the term "Messiah" represented a wide range of hopes and dreams for the Israel community. The people of God were waiting for a Messiah to save them from many things: the Roman government, oppression, financial burden, religious expectation, etc. Why do you think Jesus was uninterested in being this kind of Messiah?
3. When we read Mark 8 we see that Jesus' disciples had experienced the miracles and powers that he was capable of. They saw him interacting with others, and that he was different. They saw him feed a crowd of 5,000 with a few fish and loaves of bread, but when it came for another miracle to happen, they were worried about the fact that they didn't have enough bread. Why do you think this was? Have you ever been in a situation like this, with either God or someone else?
4. Jesus uses geography to show the disciples what life is like outside of their own communities. What kind of an impact has geography had on your perspective of faith, biggest questions, or God in general?
5. The Roman philosopher Seneca equates humanity's system of "gift-giving" to a game of catch: when you throw the ball to someone, you expect them to catch it and throw it back. This is parallel to a relationship with God — God initiates the gift of union with him, and he expects a response out of us for it to go any further. Where are you at in this "game of catch" with God?
6. We are constantly surrounded with opportunity of choice when it comes to almost anything. We can normally do what we want. Jesus overtly says that he is God, and that there is not another way around it. What do you think about that? Who do you say that Jesus is?
7. If you would like to pray with someone, ask questions, or get baptized, please email [pastoralcare@dc2.me](mailto:pastoralcare@dc2.me) and we would love to talk with you. Have a great week!