

## Doing Life Together

1. In your walk with Jesus does it matter to you whether or not he is God or would it be okay if he was just a messenger? Consider what your relationship with God would be like with Jesus being your God or just a messenger.

Leader: Reflect on the confidence that we can have being we have a leader that is fully in control, after all He created us. Would we be so sure that he had a plan and that he would not deviate from it. If he was just a messenger we would not have the security and confidence that he would do what is best for us.

2. Have you had an occasion when you were disappointed in a relationship because the other party seemed to forget about you? Do you feel that way with God? If so, explain your situation and maybe the group could help you.

Leader: Perhaps you could reflect on a relationship in your life where the other party did not always have your best interest in mind. Was this an encouragement for you or did it cause some negative feelings, thus creating a strained relationship. In your relationship with the Lord, how would you feel if you were the one who forgot about what God had done for you - his having your best interest in mind?

## Prayer Requests



Adam & Trish (Emily) – Asia

Pray for:

- People partnering with them financially
- Trish's 'nomadic dad' whom God continues to pursue
- The raising of the remaining 33% of monthly support needs
- The preparing of the hearts of people they will be sharing Gospel with
- Our own hearts to grow in our desire / efforts to share the Gospel



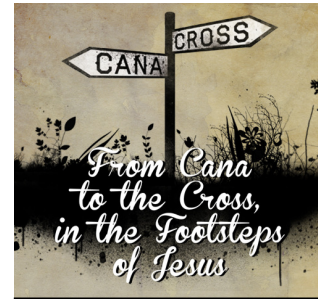
## Service Opportunities

### Barista's Wanted

The OEFC Coffee Bar is looking for barista's for all services. One hour of training provided on one of following days – Feb 18th (10a), Mar 4th (5p), or Mar 20th (6:45p). For more info email [coffeebar@okotoksefc.ca](mailto:coffeebar@okotoksefc.ca)

### Cross Cultural Project Fund Committee Members Wanted

The parameters and processes for distributing this fund need to be set up by this committee. The purpose is to encourage short term mission trips by families, small groups, and friendship circles. Contact church office if you would like to help unleash the creative potential in this opportunity.



February 19, 2012

Sermon Notes

Matthew 17:1-13

## Our Unique Savior

### What did Jesus' Transfiguration teach the disciples?

1. It Established Jesus as God's Son

v.1-8

Luke 9:31

Matthew 5:17

Luke 24:44

John 1:45

2. That Son's death & resurrection were Central to God's Plan

v.9

3. That God's Plan differed from The Plan they had Heard

v.10-13

### Jesus' Person and Authority empower him to Fulfil and Proclaim God's rescue plan

Isaiah 55:6

Jeremiah 29:13

Matthew 7:7-8

Hebrews 11:6

2Corinthians 5:14-21

Ephesians 2:8-9

*What do I need to do with what I have heard today?*

# Home Bible Fellowship Study Questions

## Thinking Things Through

1. Do you have any questions from Sunday's sermon? What were they?

2. Jesus had clearly told the disciples that he was going to die and be raised to life (16:21). And, though they heard and even (somewhat) understood, they couldn't accept it as the plan of God for them or the Messiah. Have you ever experienced times in your relationships where someone clearly tells you something but your mind won't let you accept it as true? Tell us about the story and what changed so that you could accept it (or did you)?

## Digging Deeper

Read Col 1:15-20

1. In Sunday's message we learned that Jesus is unique and fulfills the Law and the Prophets. So, who is Jesus according to Col 1:15?

Leader: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

It would be wrong to think of 'firstborn' in physical terms. Jesus was not a created being but God from all eternity (as Paul notes in v.17). (From English Standard Version Study Bible – What Paul had in mind was the rights and privileges of a firstborn son, especially the son of a monarch who would inherit ruling sovereignty. This is how the expression is used by David (Ps 89:27).

2. Look through Col 1:16-18, notice the phrase that is repeated. What is the theme/main point of these verses? What do they tell us about him?

Leader: "All things were/have been created" (repeated phrase) by Him, through Him, and for Him – He is before all things, He holds things together or unites them – He is the head of the body, the church – First born from the dead – first place in everything.

The main point is that Jesus is above all things in heaven and on earth BECAUSE he is the Creator of them and they were created 'for' him (See Ps 19:1 & Rom 1:20)

3. In Col 1:19, 'for' introduces an explanation or rationale for what precedes that verse. What is the significance of Col 1:19 with reference to the preceding text in Col 1:16-18?

Leader: Jesus' position or role was established by God because it is pleased him to have his fullness dwell in Jesus, meaning that Jesus is, in nature, God. (See also Col 2:9 – this was Paul's belief/teaching).

4. Read Col.1:13-14 While reading this passage remember what was shown in Col. 1:15-20. There is a connection to Paul's flow of thought.

What is it?

Leader: The Father rescues us by placing us within Jesus' kingdom where Jesus' gives us redemption – the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus exalted role (supremacy) is what makes this possible. He is above all. He is God. He rules the Kingdom of God where we can dwell by the power of his sacrifice for us.

5. Now comes the so what. – Why is it important to know these things about Jesus? Why should they matter in our walk with Him?. Reflect upon the previous questions and look at what Col 1:20 reveals.

Leader: Through the power that He has, being the firstborn, the creator, above all things, unity giver – We need to remember he is God. In verse Col 1:20 it says that this was so he could reconcile all things to himself, by making peace through his blood upon the cross – it is through him that we are reconciled to God the Father, allowing us to have the relationship with him that we were designed for. We are in Jesus' kingdom where we are rescued from Satan and sin.

Read 2Cor 5:18-21 where the idea of reconciliation is also emphasized.

Read Eph 2:1-7 where the contrast is death and life. We now have life in Christ.