# <u>Jesus</u> Group Study

## OPEN

Ice Breaker: Make a quick list of popular ideas in our culture regarding who Jesus is.

#### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

### Reade Matthew 16:13-21

- 1. What did Jesus say about Peter's statement in verse 16?
- 2. Jesus tells the group that His church would be built on Him and hell would not conquer it. Why is this important?
- 3. How does that give us confidence in sharing the Gospel?
- 4. John 1:14- tells us that the Word became flesh. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be both God and human?
- 5. Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic or Lord. Can you explain why? (As a group, work this out.)
- 6. Read Matthew 1:21. Why was it important for Joseph to be told this about Jesus? Why is it important for us?
- 7. What is the hardest thing to really grasp about Jesus?

## **KEY APPLICATION:**

Since Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior in the flesh, I can trust Him with my life.

#### **APPLICATION**

List 3 things that you will tell someone this week about Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER – Pray in Jesus' name for clarity on who He is and why He came and died.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

**Key Verse:** 2 Corinthians 5:21 (Galatians 3:13)

**Key Idea:** I believe that Jesus' death on the cross pays for all my sin. **Key Question**: How can I have a personal relationship with a Holy God?

# **Study Passages**

2 Corinthians 5:21 Hebrews 10:4
Galatians 3:13 Isaiah 53:1-10
John 3:16 Romans 8:1

# **Questions**:

- 1. Why did Jesus die on the cross?
- 2. Why is it important that he lived a perfect life?
- 3. In what ways does Jesus' death on the cross satisfy God's wrath over sin, God's justice and God's love for us?
- 4. How does it make you feel that the God of the universe would die in your place out of unconditional love for you?
- 5. Read Romans 8:1 again. What does this mean to you in everyday life? In your worship? In your prayers?