
Resources

- Watch, listen to, or read Sunday's sermon: abfboone.org/i-john-56-12
- Find Life Group resources: abfboone.org/groups/resources

1 John 5:6-12 (ESV)

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Sermon Outline

Introduction - Who Do People Say That I Am (Matthew 16:13-18)

- I. The Testimony Concerning Jesus (6-9)
- II. To Believe or Disbelieve the Testimony of the Son (10-12)

Life Group Leader Notes:



Group Discussion Questions

- What were your main takeaways from the sermon?

- Pastor Scott began with Matthew 16:13-18. That might be a good passage to read to help set the discussion. Jesus asked two questions: *who do people say that I am?* And *who do **you** say that I am?* What are some common perceptions about Jesus in our world today? Have you discovered any insufficient views of Jesus even in the church?

- The main point of this week's sermon is that we must have the correct view of Christ. Jesus is more than a good man or an inspirational leader; *he is the eternal Son of God*. Our view of Christ has eternal implications (v.11-12). What is your view of Jesus? Did this week's sermon challenge your view of Christ?
(By the way, don't be disappointed if this one question - "*Who do you say that I am?*" - occupied the entire discussion. Do not assume that everyone in the group has a fully biblical view of Christ. According to Ligonier Ministries, over 75% of evangelical Christians believe that Jesus is the first and greatest being created by God - which is the Arian heresy that was condemned in 325 AD. Check it out if you have a strong stomach:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2018/october/what-do-christians-believe-ligonier-state-theology-heresy.html>

- This is, admittedly, a difficult view to hold about Jesus. How could the unchanging Son of God come to our earth as a baby? How could the immortal Son of God hang on a cross? This is a mystery. But John wants us to hold this mystery with full assurance, and so in this text, he gives us three witnesses: the blood, the water, and the Spirit. These are odd metaphors, but most scholars believe this referred to the baptism & crucifixion of Christ. What were your main takeaways from this?

- We learned that the Spirit also testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. He does this through the Scripture, by abiding in us, and by guiding us into truth.

- How are you growing in your knowledge of the Bible? How do you spend time in his word daily?

- How do you "abide" with the Spirit? What does this look like on a daily basis?

- We cannot simply be impressed with Christ; we must personally trust him. Are there any situations in your life in which you need to personally trust Christ?

