

## Discussion Guide

### *“The Savior Enigma: Wk1 Who do you say that I am?”*

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#### Big Idea

Jesus is a stumbling block to some and foolishness to others, who is He to you?



#### Icebreaker

Do you enjoy puzzles? If so, what are your favorite kind of puzzles (i.e. images of what, etc.) to put together? Or, do you prefer rubik's cube type puzzles or brain-teasers, which ones & why?



#### Discussion Questions

1. According to the sermon (or look it up), what is an enigma? Do you overall agree or disagree that Jesus is an enigma and why? How is even just the *divinity* along with the *humanity* of Jesus an enigma? Why are both important?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-25. For many of us, a part of our history has been that of Christ being either a stumbling block, or foolishness to us. Do you recall times where you demanded a sign from God in order to believe? Or where your reliance on human wisdom caused you to think that faith in Christ was foolishness? Describe. If you are a Christian now, what did it take for you to let go of your need to either require the God of the Universe to give you a particular sign or that everything make sense to you in order to accept Him as the Messiah?
3. Read Luke 9:18-27. We have more pieces of the puzzle today than Jesus' disciples did back when they walked and talked with Him. Yet, Peter still believed in Jesus' divinity and that he was God's Messiah. What additional pieces do we have today that point to Jesus being who Peter said He was? How can these pieces help us in our own faith journey and in our sharing of Christ with others?
4. Continuing with the puzzle piece's theme, what were one or two significant one's that fell in place (i.e. something you realized about Jesus or God's plan/character) leading you to be open to the true and full Jesus (that He is God's Messiah and not just a good teacher; nice guy; prophet)?
5. Re-read Luke 9:23-25. Self-denial and daily cross bearing were the ways of our Lord. Those, plus an openness to & pursuit of a whole new identity in Christ are to be the ways of a Christian (someone following the Lord). Since you have been a Christ-follower, in what ways have you progressed in doing these three? What is one area you need to prayerfully pursue in order to grow more in one of these three areas?
6. Re-read Luke 9:26. Many people have picked up incorrect pieces of the Jesus puzzle. Have you ever considered that you could be part of helping people figure out the enigma of Jesus simply by radically following Him in action and not being ashamed of Him or your following of Him? If so, how have, or are, you doing that? Or how could you do that?



#### Concluding Question

Lent is a good time to get to know Jesus more intimately which can result in us having a deeper and more meaningful Good Friday Recognition & Easter Sunday Celebration. In what ways may you use the 40 days of Lent to accomplish this?



#### Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



#### Prayer

Pray that many will grow in their understanding of who Jesus more fully is this Lent.