

Youth



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

✔ Opinions

Play the "Tim Tebow" commercial.

Use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- Why do other people's words fuel a person like Tim Tebow?
 - On a scale of 1-10, how much do you care what others say about you? Do you think you should care so much about what others say about you? Why or why not?
- Play the "Rudy" clip.
- Do you think Rudy had something to prove to other people? Why or why not?
 - Why might the janitor's opinion mean more than everyone else's?
 - Name some people whose opinions of you really matter. Why do those people's opinions mean more?

✔ Confessions

Read Matthew 16:13-20.

- Why do you think Jesus would ask his disciples about what people were saying about him? Why might people be confused about who he was?
 - Do you think Jesus cared what everyone thought, or what the disciples themselves thought? Why?
 - After what the disciples have seen and heard, how would they not know who Jesus truly was? How did Peter know?
 - Why was Jesus so pleased with Peter's answer?
- Watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

✔ Experience

Play the "Encountering Jesus" video.

- In our text, it is easy to see how people could be wrong about who Jesus is. Why do you think people still get it wrong today? Have these people heard about Jesus? What do you think has shaped their understanding of Christ?

- If someone asked you, who would you say Jesus is? What makes you different from those who would answer differently?
- Do you think the perception of Jesus Christ is different from people who have grown up in church? Why or why not?
- Do you think belief in Christ comes from experience or from knowledge? Explain.
- Peter had experiences with Jesus that taught him who Jesus was. How have your experiences changed your perception of Jesus?
- How does knowing Jesus impact your life?

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