



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Mark 12:35-37

Introduction: In this passage the series of conflicts between Jesus and the religious leaders come to end as Jesus questions them. Quoting Psalm 110, Jesus asks the scribes to explain why King David would refer to the Messiah as his superior, if in fact the Messiah is David's own son. And while this paradox dazzled the crowd, this passage reveals not only Jesus' true identity but also the nature of the Bible.



Into the Word

All Scripture is breathed out by God... - 2 Timothy 3:16a

What aspect of this passage do you find the most confusing or surprising?

How would you explain the mystery of Psalm 110 in your own words? (v. 36)

Note: Since David is the highest human authority, the second "Lord" of Psalm 110:1 must refer to a divine figure then any merely human king.

What does the mystery of Psalm 110 teach us about Jesus' nature?

Consider: Luke 1:26-35

Note: We believe that Jesus is both fully God (Son of God) and fully man (Son of David)

What can Jesus' comments in verse 36 teach us about the Bible?

Consider: 2 Peter 1:21, Luke 24:27

Note: The source of Scripture is God, the subject of Scripture is Jesus.



Into the Heart

"Let the man who would hear God speak read Holy Scripture" - Martin Luther

Do we take God's Word for granted? If so, why do you think this is?

Read Matthew 4:4. How might this passage shape our approach to Bible reading?



Into the World

...that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:17

What are different ways that people approach the Bible? How does seeing the story of Jesus as the center, change the way we approach the Bible?

What resources have you found helpful in reading or studying the Bible?

Resources recommended by Pastor Marc: Reading the Bible for All It's Worth (Gordon Fee) & Getting the Message (Dan Doriani)