

# JESUS

## Small group notes - Week 1

### Welcome

Welcome & snacks

Make sure everyone knows who's who, especially if you are starting a new group or new people have joined your group for Simply Jesus.

### Worship

Start by spending some time in worship together. If you have someone who can play a guitar or another instrument, ask if they will lead your group in some live worship or choose a couple songs to help lead people into God's presence. Otherwise we have compiled a couple of playlists with a range of songs for you to use during worship and ministry.

[Simply Jesus Spotify playlist](#)

[Simply Jesus Youtube playlist](#)



#### Video - Part 1



#### Discussion Questions (you may find it helpful to break group into 3-4s)

- How do you picture the historical Jesus of the gospels? What comes to mind?
- Think of & share some gospel stories that help you imagine what He's like



#### Video - Part 2



#### Discussion Questions (as one group unless group is too big, e.g. over ~8 people)

- What's your story of coming to Christ, and in particular, in what ways is your life better now?
- We're called to be Jesus in the world. How might we share our stories without being weird?!  
Remember - rarely in the real world does someone get to share their prepared, 2 minute testimony!

### Kingdom Assignments

Each week there will be "Kingdom assignments", simply some practical ideas to put what we're thinking about into practice. There are 3 ideas of increasing risk. Encourage people to take a risk and stretch beyond where they are comfortable - we grow when we're stretched, not when we're in our comfort zones!



- 1) Make a note of your 8 nearest neighbours, either where you live or work. Pray for a different neighbour each day this week. If you don't know your 8 closest neighbours, aim to connect with those you don't know this week
- 2) Go for a prayer walk around your neighbourhood. Go with others if you can. What is the Lord saying & inviting you to be a part of? Look for someone to chat to.
- 3) The person you've been praying for and longing for an opportunity to share your faith with - yes, you know the one! - create an opportunity to chat with them this week, and take time to listen to their story

### **Prayer ministry**

Pray for each other, that we'd know Jesus better & be empowered & courageous to live out our call to be Jesus in the world. Pray for courage with the Kingdom assignments.

### **Next week**

Encourage your group to to make it along to a Sunday service (9.30, 11.15 or 6.30) for the next talk and to come back next week.