

CG Guide: No Greater Name - Jesus week 1

Discuss: Think about all of your Christmas traditions, parties, events, spending, gatherings, and expectations for a moment. What would you say the focus of them is?

Read it: Matthew 1:18-25

Know it:

1. What stood out to you from the passage?

2. Focusing on verse 21, what has the name Jesus meant to you over the course of your life?

3. Old Testament Jewish people would not even speak the name of Yahweh or Yeshua. Why? What can we take away from that today?

4. Looking at the definition below, how does knowing the meaning of the name of Jesus help you in your relationship with Him?

Name: Jesus

Origin: Hebrew (Yeshua) → Greek (Iēsous) → English (Jesus)

Word Breakdown:

Yeshua = Ye (shortened form of Yahweh) + shua (from yasha, meaning 'to save' or 'to deliver')

Meaning: 'Yahweh saves' or 'The Lord is salvation'

Significance:

- 'Ye' refers to God's personal name, Yahweh
- 'Shua' emphasizes the act of saving or delivering
- Together, the name Jesus declares His divine purpose as the Savior sent by God to redeem humanity

5. A deeper understanding of the name of Jesus should lead us to these things: 1. Understanding Jesus as Yahweh in the flesh 2. Trust in the sufficiency of salvation 3. Worship and devotion 4. Evangelism and mission 5. Personal identity and hope. Which one do you understand and live in the most, and which one is an area of growth for you?

6. What does your name say about you? (Culture, recognition, how someone referred to you, historical background, family of origin, etc.)

Live it: How do these truths of Jesus help you to grow into your identity in Christ? How can the group support you in living out your identity in Christ?