

# Leadership Group Guide /

for the Leadership Podcast  
with Pastor Kevin York

## Asking the Right Questions

### WORD

(20 MINUTES)

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven." **MATTHEW 16:13-17**

Before revealing His death and resurrection, Jesus first asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They answered Him, "John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Jesus then asked, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." In response, Jesus blessed Peter and confirmed his revelation. His disciples had seen the same signs everyone else had, and knew they pointed to who Jesus was (Matthew 11:5; 16:3). Through His questions, Jesus invited them to freely speak what they had heard, and seek and discover the truth of His identity with Him.

Today, many people still have different opinions of who Jesus is, expressed in blogs and articles, on social media channels, in classrooms and boardrooms. As leaders, we may find ourselves facing such opinions. Like Jesus, we can choose to respond by inviting others into a conversation about who they say He is, and who He says He really is. By actively listening, we create opportunities to encourage them to seek God and the truth in His Word. We also open doors to speak into their lives and situations, and to even preach the gospel to them.

#### Having the Right Conversation

Prepare open-ended questions

Ask follow-up questions

Listen actively

### DISCUSSION

(50 MINUTES)

1. How has asking questions and seeking answers helped you in your relationship with God? Are there questions God has answered through someone showing, teaching, or preaching the Word to you?
2. How can you begin asking the right questions with those in your Victory group? What are some things you will do to develop this discipline every day?
3. How can you use the discipline of asking the right questions at home, in school, and in the workplace as you engage your culture and community? What are some ways you need to change your approach as you continue to preach the gospel?

### PRAYER

(20 MINUTES)

1. Thank God for Jesus' example of asking questions and listening actively to others. Thank Him for the opportunity to develop in the discipline of asking the right questions as you engage your culture and community.
2. Pray for opportunities to ask the right questions with those in your Victory group. Pray that as you learn to understand them more, you will encourage them to seek God and experience Him in a greater way through their situations.
3. Pray that as you develop in this discipline, you will effectively engage your culture and community. Pray for opportunities to practice this discipline as you preach the gospel at home, in school, at work, and in your community.



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This guide is designed to be used in leadership groups, for Victory group leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership development. The goal of these ninety-minute leadership group meetings is a discussion of the Word and its practical application as leaders.