

**Week 12 Discussion Guide – Messiah**

*The Lord says to my Lord: Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.*

*– Psalm 110:1*

**Intro Questions:**

* If Jesus did not fit the expected picture of Messiah by the Jewish experts of his day, how can we be confident that He is the Savior promised by the Old Testament?
* What is the most awe-inspiring aspect of the incarnation in your mind?

**Key Passages:**

* Psalm 110:1 (Core Passage)
* John 5-6

What are some of the proofs of Jesus being God incarnate that you read in those two chapters? What does it tell you that at the end of chapter 6, many followers desert Jesus?

* Matthew 16:16-18, Matthew 22:41-46, Acts 2:34-35

What came to mind as you meditated on these verses this week?

Did God challenge you through anything in these verses?

**Group Discussion:**

* Define what is meant by Messiah.
* What did the ancient Jews expect from their Messiah?
* Why was it difficult for them to accept Jesus as Messiah?
* What unrealistic expectations do people today have of Jesus?
* Why do you think people today have a hard time believing in Jesus? Why do you think people sometimes have difficulty submitting to him as Messiah?
* How did you come to believe in Jesus?
* Who are some friends or family you need to share Jesus with so they can come to the faith you have? Would this study help them believe?
* Why would God taking on human flesh be a challenge for some people to accept? As a group, create a simple way to explain this to someone.

**Action Steps / Application**

* On page 85, you were challenged to pray through Psalm 110 using the words to shape your acclimation (worship) of Jesus.
* If you did this exercise, tell us what the experience was like?
* Have you ever prayed through a passage as an act of worship before? Do you think it would be a beneficial practice to make it a regular part of your spiritual disciplines?