WHO IS JESUS?

Mark 8:27–30 Lesson 15

Key Verse: 8:29

1. Review briefly some of the events of Jesus so far: How had people responded to him? (1:22,27; 2:12; 4:41; 5:20b,42b; 6:2b; 7:37) What had evil spirits said about him? (1:24; 3:11; 5:7) What miracles had he performed? What must’ve it been like experiencing all this as a disciple?
2. Where did they now go? (27a) What question did Jesus ask them? (27b) Why did he ask them this question now?
3. What was their answer? (28) Why did some think he was John the Baptist, Elijah or one of the prophets? (6:14,15; Mal4:5; Lk1:13–17; Mt11:14) What does this tell us about people’s general view of Jesus? Who do people think Jesus is today? Why?
4. What was Jesus’ second question? (29a) Considering the disciples had traveled, eaten, slept and been around Jesus constantly, how would their answer be different from people’s general view? Why is this an important aspect of answering Jesus’ question, “Who do you say I am?”
5. How did Peter answer this question? What does “the Messiah” mean? (see 2Sa7:12,13; Ge3:15; Isa9:6,7) How could Peter say this? (1:1; 3:14a) Why is it important to come to know that Jesus is our Messiah? (1:14,15) Why confess it? (Ro10:9,10; Mt16:17–19)
6. Read verse 29. In following Jesus, why is it important to eventually think about and respond to this question, “Who do you say I am?” How have you responded to it?