



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**September 23, 2018**

**John 7:14-36**

**“Can This Be the Christ? (Part 2)”**

## **QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1. Icebreaker. Today we are going to talk about how Jesus surprised the crowds in a few different ways. What is something about you that people may be surprised to know? (Also, consider playing two truths and a lie where each person writes down two true things and one false thing about themselves. Then, the group tries to guess which thing about someone is not true.)
2. Some people say that Jesus was a good, moral teacher...a prophet... but what are some statements he has made so far in John that clearly point to his divinity? (He either was a madman claiming divinity OR he was who he claimed to be: the son of God.)
3. What was so unexpected about Jesus' identity, education, and plans? What were the different responses of the crowd? Although we may not respond *exactly* how the crowds did, how can we similar responses in our own hearts or people we know?
4. Tony talked about the main problem among the hearers being a heart problem, not an intellect problem. Jesus says that the people who understand him are people who have a heart after God. How can we cultivate a heart after God? What is one way your life might look different if your heart was more completely seeking him?
5. 1 Peter 4:11 says, "*whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever.*" How can this verse help us evaluate whether or not people are true or false workers in the kingdom? How did Jesus affirm his true motives in John 7?
6. John is consistently concerned with presenting us with the true identity of Jesus—"that we may believe." Who in your life needs to be shown the Jesus' true identity? How can you help them have an encounter with the true Christ?

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