

ONE WITH THE FATHER

John 14:1, 7-12

THESIS; When we understand that Jesus Christ is one with the Father, our relationship with Him moves to new depths of trust and new heights of worship.

1. Jesus asked His disciples who people said He was. Who do people today say Jesus is? Then He asked directly, "Who do you say that I am?" What about you?

2. What if the unbelieving world could be proved to be right? What difference would it make in your life if Jesus were no more than just an extraordinary man...or even just a fictitious character?

3. Since we do believe that Jesus is God the Son, why do so many insist on living as if He were not? Name a few of the reasons you think people might reject His deity.
 - Read John 3:19-20. Why would anyone who understands the need for the cover of darkness for their deeds not long for someone to rescue them from the need to hide?
 - Why do you think so many followers of Christ choose to walk in darkness when the light of life has come? How do you think the spiritual life of the body of Christ would be more vital and dynamic if we all chose to live in His light, believing that He is truly one with the Father?

4. When you hear that the United States is a Christian nation, with so much unbelief and spiritual deadness around us, what is the connection you see between "self-made" religion (each imagining Jesus Christ as he/she prefers Him to be) and the widespread denial that He is really God in the flesh?

5. What would Jesus have to have done, more than He already did, for people to believe that He is who He says He is? What has He done that convinced you and continues to sustain your confidence that He is the Lord?

6. What did you learn about the implications of His oneness with the Father in the study this morning?
 - When we understand the Jesus is the incarnate Deity, God in the flesh, our world turns upside down...our worship becomes rich and full...our gratitude overflows...our humility overwhelms us! What is the greatest impact on your own life to know that Jesus Himself is the eternal God and He personally calls you by name as His own?