

# **Unvarnished Discussion Questions (11/12/23)**

## *Week 2 - A Varnished Messiah*

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

### **CONNECT Questions** (choose 1-2)

1. What is something you are thankful for this week?
2. Are you facing a challenge right now?

### **PREPARING the heart**

1. Can you give some examples how your background and upbringing might have affected your understanding of Jesus?
2. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?

### **READ Mark 8:27-38**

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. What does Jesus do or say that is different than what people would typically expect?
3. Why do you think this is so unexpected?
4. Does anything else stand out as surprising or interesting?
5. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
6. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)

### **LIVE IT OUT**

1. How can you apply this passage this week?
2. How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others?

### **PRAY**

