

## Jesus Is . . . | Week 1 - Jesus is Alive! Are you?

### Message Big Idea

Jesus is Alive! In Jesus, we find a new way of living.

### Scripture

Ephesians 2:1-10, John 10:10

### Points to Keep In Mind

1. There is a lot about life that keeps us from living it as an adventure. We may have regrets or fears. We may also be trying to live up to other people's unrealistic expectations. We may also believe the popular notion that happiness is just a few more dollars away. These can leave us exhausted and our relationships depleted. Throughout the group time, help people see the adventure it is to follow Jesus wholeheartedly and embrace the purpose he wants to give our lives.
2. We can say a lot about God when we look at Ephesians 2. God made the first move to rescue us. God is rich in mercy; God doesn't grow impatient with us. Where others might grow weary of us, God answers us with love. He has lavished his grace on us in an incomparable way. God has raised us with him; he has given us new life and purpose.
3. The more we know God, the more we know God's love. It's easy for us to imagine God as displeased with us or disappointed in us. We've had so many disappointing human relationships that we may be tempted to think that God's love is similar to the imperfect forms of love we see every day. The more we know God's love, the more we are transformed by it, and the better we become at loving others well. Depending on how people answer the question about the impact of God's mercy on their life, you may want to spend time praying for individuals in the group to be filled with God's Spirit and experience more of God's love.
4. The last part of the guide centers around living a life of purpose in Jesus. When we say yes to Jesus and join him on the journey, we are invited to be the kinds of people that bring love, compassion, and justice to a hurting world. Nothing is more fulfilling and exciting than to realize you are part of God's Kingdom across time and space, working to bring the way of Jesus everywhere we go!

### Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? [communitychristian.org/baptism](http://communitychristian.org/baptism)
4. Text "adventure" to 331-226-1686 to start your adventure!