

Transition:

Early on in Jesus' ministry He reveals His true humanity through His temptation in the wilderness by the devil (Matt 4). Chronologically, this story most likely occurred toward the end of Jesus' life and ministry. Though Jesus has done so many miracles and healings in view of the public, most still do not believe that He is the Son of God. He frequently referred to God as His Father and is about to offer His followers a glimpse of what eternal life really is.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are "these things" that the Father has hidden but revealed to little children?
2. If no one knows the Father except the Son, can we know God?
3. What kind of rest is Jesus talking about?

Fundamental:

The Divinity of Jesus – The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare His virgin birth (Matt 1:23), His sinless life (Heb 7:26), His miracles (Acts 2:22), His substitutionary work on the cross (2 Cor 5:21), His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt 28:6) and His exaltation to the right hand of God (Php 2:9-11).

1. Why is it essential for Christians to believe that Jesus is God?
2. Why does the world not believe that Jesus is God? If He is, what does that mean for them?
3. Was Jesus created? How does answer affect His divinity?

Homework/Challenge:

1. C.S. Lewis said that Jesus was either a liar, a lunatic, or Lord. Be able to explain what this means.
2. Please read Matthew 12 in preparation for next week.

Discipleship Tip:

Challenge your group to be able to show in the Scriptures how Jesus is divine. Teach them to be able to defend this argument in the workplace.

Prayer:

Pray that we understand the weight of what the God of the universe did for us. May we worship Him and bow down to the King that condescended to humanity to secure a peculiar people for Himself.