

read? Some people make the claim that Jesus never claimed to be God. Based on what you have read is that true or does Jesus claim to be God?

◆ **READ:** *Matthew 8:5-8, John 6:67-68, John 14:15, Luke 6:47-49 and Micah 6:8*
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does Jesus link trust in His words and obedience to His words with things like faith, love, security, and fulfillment in life?

◆ **READ:** *Matthew 5:14-16 and Matthew 28:18-20*
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How do these two verses relate to the idea of us marking Jesus' words, being obedient to what He tells us to do, and helping others learn how to mark the words of Jesus so they can stay on the path He marked out for us as well?



❖ **MESSAGE NOTES**

MARKING THE PATH: Week 4 - Mark My Words

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. ~ Isaiah 55:10-11

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.
~ Matthew 24:35*

*A gentle response turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath.
~ Proverbs 15:1*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was without shape and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the watery deep, but the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water. 3 God said, "Let there be light." And there was light! ~ Genesis 1:1-3

If someone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect individual, able to control the entire body as well. ~ James 3:2

You must let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but only what is beneficial for the building up of the one in need, that it would give grace to those who hear. ~ Ephesians 4:29

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God. The Word was with God in the beginning. All things were created by Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. In Him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. And the light shines on in the darkness, but the darkness has not mastered it. ~ John 1:1-4

Now the Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We saw His glory—the glory of the one and only, full of grace and truth, who came from the Father. ~ John 1:14

No one has ever seen God. The only one, Himself God, who is in closest fellowship with the Father, has made God known. ~ John 1:18

The Father and I are one. ~ John 10:30

The person who has seen me has seen the Father! ... ~ John 14:9b

When [Jesus] entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him asking for help: "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible anguish." Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof! Instead, just say the word and my servant will be healed. ~ Matthew 8:5-8

For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood resides in Me, and I in him. ~ John 6:55-56,

This is the bread that came down from heaven; it is not like the bread your ancestors ate, but then later died. The one who eats this bread will live forever." ~ John 6:58

So Jesus said to the twelve, "You don't want to go away too, do you?" ~ John 6:67

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. ~ John 6:67-68

The Lord is indeed going before you—He will be with you; He will not fail you or abandon you. Do not be afraid or discouraged!" ~ Deuteronomy 31:8

... "I tell you the solemn truth, the Son can do nothing on his own initiative, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. ~ John 5:19b

...The words that I say to you, I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father residing in Me performs His miraculous deeds. ~ John 14:10b

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and don't do what I tell you? "Everyone who comes to Me and listens to My words and puts them into practice—I will show you what he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep, and laid the foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the person who hears and does not put My words into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against that house, it collapsed immediately, and was utterly destroyed! ~ Luke 6:47-49

A Great Commitment to The Great Commandment and The Great Commission will build a Great Church. ~ Rick Warren

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." ~ Matthew 22:34-40

Love God and Love People.

If you love Me, you will obey My commandments. ~ John 14:15

He has told you, O man, what is good, and what the Lord really wants from you: He wants you to do what is right, to love mercy, and to live obediently before your God. ~ Micah 6:8

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." ~ Matthew 28:18-20

You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven. ~ Matthew 5:14-16

❖ DIVE IN!

◆ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was one thing Pastor G said this week that spoke directly to you?
2. Are you inspired by that to make a decision, make a change, or take some action in your life?

◆ READ: Genesis 1:1-3, Isaiah 55:10-11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. The Bible has a lot to say about words and especially the Word of God. How does God's Word "go out from His mouth and accomplish His will?" How does God create with just a spoken word? What does that mean to you? Have you experienced the power of a promise or a word from God in your life?

◆ READ: Proverbs 15:1, James 3:2, and Ephesians 4:29

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How do these Scriptures inform us when we try to keep what Jesus calls the second greatest commandment, to love our neighbors as ourselves?

◆ READ: Matthew 24:35 - John 1:1-4, 4, 18 - John 10:30 and John 14:9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When Jesus says heaven and earth will pass away what does He mean? When He says His words will never pass away how is this a link to His claim to be God in the flesh?
2. Why does John call Jesus "the Word" in the first chapter of John's Gospel? What other claims about Jesus is John making? Does Jesus verify those claims of John with His own words in some of the Scriptures you have