



# STUDY GUIDE

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### [set up]

Answer the question for your LifeGroup that we asked in church this week – “Who is Jesus to you?”

### [digging deeper]

Consider this article from pastor John MacArthur. Visit the texts as a group. Do you agree or disagree? How are you seeing a slip from doctrine in Christianity or in your own life?

*Is it enough to "believe in Jesus" in some amorphous sense that divorces "faith" from any particular doctrine about Him, or is doctrine—and the content of our faith—really important after all?*

*Scripture plainly teaches that we must be sound in the faith—which is to say that doctrine does matter (1 Timothy 4:6; 2 Timothy 4:2-3; Titus 1:9; 2:1). It matters a lot.*

*"If anyone advocates a different doctrine, and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing" (1 Timothy 6:3-4, emphasis added).*

*Sound, biblical doctrine is a necessary aspect of true wisdom and authentic faith. The attitude that scorns doctrine while elevating feelings or blind trust cannot legitimately be called faith at all, even if it masquerades as Christianity. It is actually an irrational form of unbelief.*

*God holds us accountable for what we believe as well as how we think about the truth He has revealed. All Scripture testifies to the fact that God wants us to know and understand the truth. He wants us to be wise. His will is that we use our minds. We are supposed to think, meditate, and above all, to be discerning.*

*The content of our faith is crucial. Sincerity is not sufficient.*

What are some of the doctrines of Christianity that you would say you have “cloud” beliefs about?

- Trinity
- Inerrancy/Canonization of the Bible
- The Resurrection
- Creation
- Etc.

As a group, are there some resources that you might point one another to that would help you turn your clouds into mountains?

## **[living it out]**

How might your LifeGroup be intentional this year (particularly through the Luke series) to dig deeper and come out of 2019 with mountain convictions and beliefs? Put together some concrete plans!

If you are a group of parents, consider how satisfactory your answers concerning Christianity are for your kids. Are your answers for your kids clouds or mountains?