

## **Who do you say I am? Discussion Questions for Mark 8:27-30**

### **Open It**

1. Where do you tend to experience the pressure of a larger group?
2. When have you ever succumbed to group pressure when you knew you should not have?

### **Explore It**

1. Where did this episode take place? (8:27)
2. What did Jesus ask His disciples? (8:27)
3. What did people theorize about Jesus? (8:27–28)
4. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' question? (8:28)
5. How had people connected Jesus with Elijah, John the Baptist, and other prophets? (8:28)
6. How did Jesus make this discussion personal? (8:29)
7. How did the disciples answer Jesus' question? (8:29)
8. Who did Peter say Jesus was? (8:29)
9. Who spoke for the whole group of disciples? (8:29)
10. What was Peter's declaration of faith? (8:29)
11. What warning did Jesus give His disciples? (8:30)

### **Get It**

1. Why do you think Jesus asked about His identity at this particular point?
2. Why would people think that Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the other prophets?
3. Why do you think Jesus asked the two questions in the order He did?
4. Why would Jesus warn the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Messiah?
5. Who do you say Jesus is?
6. How do your beliefs go against the flow of the majority in our world?
7. What is it like to stand up against the views of the crowd?
8. How does the knowledge that one day everyone will know that Christ is Lord affect your attitude about the pressure you feel from the world?

9. Why is it important for a Christian not to hide his or her faith in Christ?
10. How can we stand up for what is right in the face of pressure from others to compromise?
11. What can we learn from Peter's example?
12. How do your beliefs in Jesus Christ affect your everyday life?

**Apply It**

1. How can you state your faith in Christ's Lordship?
2. Whom should you tell this week about your faith in Christ?
3. What specific area of your life do you need to submit to the Lordship of Christ? How?