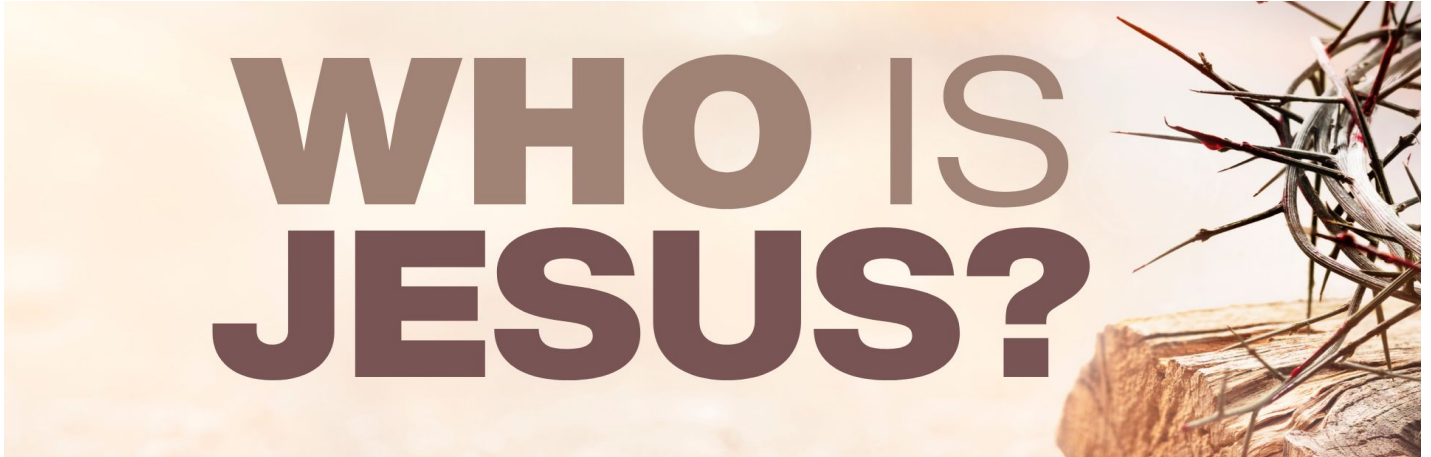


## November 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 Community Group Discussion Questions



### Getting Started

- 1) What's the deal with not being able to pick wheat on the sabbath? Do you remember any rules in your life that seemed just as frivolous, yet were a big deal to whoever established them?
- 2) The Pharisees seem like they're just waiting for Jesus to make a mistake. Have you ever felt like someone is just waiting for you to make a mistake? How did you respond? How should we respond?
- 3) Do you have any "Rule-follower" types in your life? How much are you yourself a "rule-follower" and what are the pros and cons around knowing the rules and following them rigidly?

### Digging deeper

- 4) Dig into 1 Sam 21:1-6. Why do you think Jesus brings up this story from Israel's history?
- 5) In the first 6 verses of chapter 3, what were the religious leaders in the synagogue most concerned about? What was Jesus most concerned about? Now, what are you most concerned about?
- 6) What is Jesus' intention for the Sabbath based on this passage? How can you use your "sabbath" better?
- 7) The Pharisees turn Sabbath into a "work", another thing they needed to do to earn God's favour. Are there things in your life that you've turned into ways to earn God's favour?