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Our faith in Jesus Christ is based on a crucial fact that He is God. Jesus was God in the human flesh during His ministry here on earth and not just a great teacher or miracle worker. It was God Himself who chose to come and die on the Cross to reunite God and man. Jesus revealed God the Father through Himself, provided redemption by His death on the Cross, and is the sustainer of life. He is completely worthy of our worship because Jesus Christ is God.

John 5:18-19	Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.
John 8:58	Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
John 10:30	I and My Father are one."
John 14:7	"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."
John 14:9	Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?
John 17:5	And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
Heb 1:3	who being the brightness of <i>His</i> glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
Col 1:15-19	He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased <i>the Father that</i> in Him all the fullness should dwell,
Col 2:9-10	For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

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Discussion Item 1: How does your view of Jesus change when you read the verses on the previous page?

Discussion Item 2: What does it mean in your own life that Jesus is God?

Life Application: Think through how Jesus as God did not have to die on the Cross to unite God and man, but chose to be obedient. Would you?

Helpful Definition:

glorify – To make glorious by bestowing glory upon; to confer honor and distinction upon; to elevate to power or happiness, or to celestial glory. (*Webster*)

Notes:

Proverb 8:35 For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD;

Psalm 8:1 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!