



## Sermon Discussion Guide – **March 24, 2019**

**SERIES** – JESUS WHO? *The Roles Of Jesus*

**TITLE** - “*Jesus The Prophet*”

*Deuteronomy 18:9-22*

**SUMMARY** - There is a lot of mystery over the person of Jesus. A great understanding of who Jesus is comes from the roles he fulfilled and John Calvin’s exposition of the threefold office of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King, will help guide our series for this month. This week we explore the role of PROPHET. A prophet is a spokesperson for God, delivering God’s Word to his people. Jesus is the Object and Subject of prophecy. However, Jesus does not just deliver the spoken Word of God, but is himself the Living Word of God.

### **DAILY STUDY & PRAYER**

### **Read / Reflect / Respond**

(*READ* the verse, take a moment to *REFLECT* on its meaning, *RESPOND* by writing down some thoughts and praying)

**Monday - Jeremiah 1:4–5** *Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”*

**Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 14:3** *“The one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.”*

**Wednesday - Acts 3:18** *“But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.”*

**Thursday - Leviticus 20:6** *“If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.”*

**Friday - Acts 19:18–19** *“Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all*

**Saturday - Isaiah 44:24** *“Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: “I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners,”*

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

(*This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss or supplement with your own materials*)

Open with Prayer

1. What is something you remember from the sermon that stood out to you or never heard before?
2. Read through the list of “occult” behavior in Deuteronomy 18:9-14. In what ways have you seen these practices in our society today?
3. In what ways are “occult” behavior an issue of obedience and faith?
4. Have you ever met someone with the spiritual gift of prophecy? What are the tests of a prophet? How can a false prophet cause damage to a church body?

Close with prayer requests and prayer

### **NEXT STEPS** (Optional for group discussion)

1. **TEMPERATURE GAUGE** – How am I doing when it comes to feelings of unfairness? Are my roots deep enough to handle it?
2. **RESPOND** – How is the Lord calling me to respond? In confession and repentance? Prayer for help and guidance? Seeking out a confidant or listening ear? Take a moment to write down one action step.
3. **PRACTICE** – What is one way that you can incorporate or practice deepening your roots this week?



## Sermon Discussion Guide Leader Notes

### Preparing to Lead Your Group

- ✓ **PRAY** for insight as you begin to prepare for leading your group. Ask for God's wisdom, that the Holy Spirit will be the teacher and that you will be God's instrument to lead the group to greater understanding and a willingness to commit to becoming more like God. ***Prayer should be your primary source of personal preparation for leading your group!***
- ✓ **PLAN** where you want to take your group during the next series. Is your group strong in some areas and weak in others? How can you challenge the members to live more balanced Christian lives?
- ✓ **EVALUATE** after each session and at the end of a series. Reflect on what went well and what didn't. Re-evaluation is key to your growth as a leader. How are you doing with leading the discussion: is it stimulating, challenging, and meaningful? Are you able to keep the group on track? Do you need to make some changes?

### Using This Sermon Discussion Guide

- Review the discussion guide and sermon notes for this week. You can also view the sermon from our website, [www.faithunitedepc.org](http://www.faithunitedepc.org). As the discussion leader, you should preview and evaluate the questions based on the needs of your group.
- Feel free to adapt the format as needed. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, consider using the Next Steps section or add additional Scripture and resources. Remember this is only a guide and you don't have to complete all of it. It is a tool to promote good discussion. The goal is good discussion not necessarily getting through every question.
- The questions with Bible verses associated with them are there to encourage Bible literacy. So encourage different people to open their Bibles and read selected verses if they are willing and able.
- Your goal as the leader is to bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their needs for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.