

WORKOUT

JOHN 4:43-5:18

Believe
and
LIVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Read John 4:43-5:18.

Ponder John's description of Jesus' revelation in 5:18, "he was calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God." What are the implications of this statement for how we respond to Jesus? Meditate on His authority, His supremacy, and His holiness.

- Consider John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-4, and Philippians 2:5-11.
- How do the implications of Jesus' equality with God challenge what our culture thinks it means to be a Christian?

How do the two healing narratives in this passage reveal Jesus' authority?

- Where does His authority come from? What does He have authority over?
- Why does the official (4:46) come to Jesus? How do verses 46-54 describe the official's belief?
- In John 4, the Samaritan woman is distracted by a question about worship. In John 5, the Jews were distracted by the Sabbath. How might you be tempted to miss the point of Jesus' revelation by being distracted by earthly things?



Pray Holistically

Read John 5:18 and Philippians 2:5-11.

- Pray in adoration of King Jesus, who though He was equal with God did not count equality as a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, being born in the likeness of man.
- Pray to exalt Jesus, the one whose name is above every name, the one before whom every knee will bow. Pray to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pray Personally

Read John 4:47-53. Did the official believe when he first came to Jesus, when Jesus told him that his son would live, or when the servants told him the hour his son got better? Pray asking the Lord to deepen your trust in Him and His word.

- Father, help me to believe in who you have said that you are. Help me to draw near to you, the giver of life. Help me to trust in your word, and to believe that whatever seems right to you is good.



Over the past several weeks, you have considered your own testimony of Christ's work in you, bringing you from death in your sin to life in Him. You have practiced sharing your story with people who do not know Christ, inviting them to believe and have life in Him.

Jesus is the Son who is equal with God. Because only God has the authority and power to heal and to save, pray for the miraculous healing of people in your life who are far from God.

- Think about the people you have shared the gospel with in the past who have rejected the truth. Think about your family members, your friends, your neighbors, and your coworkers.
- Often, we do not have a burden for those around us who do not know the Lord because it is easier to avoid thinking about the wrath that remains on them.
 - Read Romans 9:1-3 and Romans 10:1, where Paul describes "great sorrow and unceasing anguish" for his fellow Jews who had rejected the Messiah.
 - Pause to think deeply about the implications of their unbelief. Their default spiritual state is "condemned already" (3:18). Apart from belief, they remain under wrath (3:36). If they remain in their rejection of the revelation of God (Romans 1:21-23), they are destined for eternal judgment and torment (Revelation 14:11; 21:8).
 - Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 and consider the urgency of Paul's plea with the Corinthians: today is the day of salvation. Do not be complacent or sluggish about the urgency of eternity.

Remember Jesus; He is able to save. Fix your hope on His authority. The Lord draws people to Himself (John 6:44), even chiefs of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). There is no one outside of His sovereign power to save. We believe that He can save, so we pray fervently, asking that He would!