

WORKOUT

JOHN 5:30-47

Believe
and
LIVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Read John 5:18-47.

Ponder Jesus' total authority— He is able to save, to heal, to forgive sin, to give life, to judge. What is the danger of not acknowledging or submitting to this authority? (5:38-42)

What all does Jesus say bears witness to Him?

- How do each of these things help our belief in Him?

What all does Jesus say is true of the Jews? What keeps them from coming to Jesus? What is the significance of the indictment that they do not have the love of God within them (5:42)?

How do we seek the glory of God rather than the glory of man?

- Consider verses like Matthew 6:1-2 and 33, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, and Proverbs 25:27.



Pray Holistically

Read John 5:30-32 and John 17:17-18. Pray in affirmation that God is true.

- Father, we know that you are true. Everything true comes from you, and you are the standard by which we know truth. Give us a love for what is true. Give us a zeal to seek to know you through your creation and your Word which bear witness to your glory. Give us a longing to come to you that we may have life. Help us believe in Jesus who you have sent.

Pray Personally

Read John 5:40 and John 5:43, and pray in examination of your own heart.

- Pray in confession of the times you do not want to come to the Lord.
- Ask the Lord to reveal to you the ways that you are tempted to seek glory from others.



Jesus asks the Jews, “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another?” (5:44) We are quick to make an idol out of what others think about us, and to let people pleasing and fear of man be the driving authority behind our actions. This stands in the way of our belief in Jesus.

Spend time in prayerful and honest reflection: What do you want people to think about you?

Then, in repentance, seek the glory that comes from the only God. Memorize Galatians 1:10.

- Consider the list you made last week of the different ways you spend your time. Where are you tempted to make an idol out of other people's perception of you?
 - o Within all of your regular actions and activities, work to reorient your desires so you stop caring about what people think of you and you care more about people seeing Jesus.
 - o How do we reorient our desires? God's Word is transformative. Purpose to spend more time in the Word every day. Pray Psalm 86:11, that God would unite your heart to worship His name.
- Meditate on your own life: all the sins, struggles, temptations, insecurities, and weaknesses. What are you most afraid of people seeing, knowing, finding out, or thinking about you?
 - o Bring what is hidden into the light (John 3:21). Confess sin to someone who can help you pursue holiness.
- Think about your relationships with others. Do you spend the most time with people who are likely to affirm you, or those who will challenge you to grow?
 - o Seek help from people who will challenge you to grow. Ask them to observe your life and look for pursuits you need to add, expand, or restore.
- Consider your investment in others. Have you ever avoided a hard conversation about a brother or sister's sin, because you are afraid of how they might respond to you?
 - o Seek to help others grow. Have a conversation that you have been putting off because you are afraid of how the other person will respond. Pray that the Lord would soften their heart and would give you boldness to faithfully proclaim truth.