

# God's Love Emboldens

## PASSAGES

John 5:19-47

## PREPARE (MC LEADER)

1. Before leading your group into studying the passage, take some time and follow these steps to better engage with the passage:
  - PRAY for insight, conviction, and personal application.
  - READ the passage in two different translations.
  - REFLECT on how the central principle of the passage affects you personally.
  - PLAN effective ways that your MC can discuss the meaning and application of the principles of the passage.

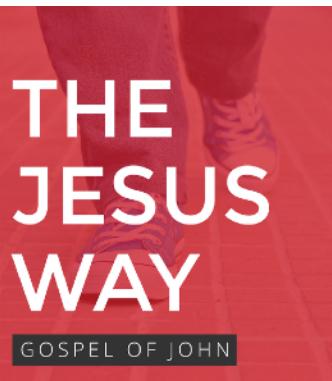
## DISCUSS (GROUP)

1. Review the main principle from the central teaching.

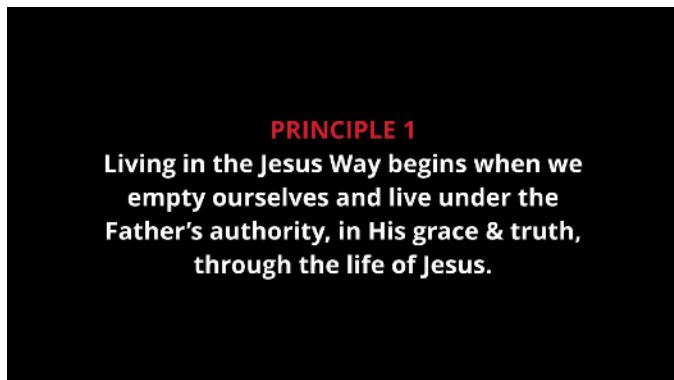
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2. Open up for discussion, questions, or comments about the central teaching.
3. If applicable to your planned discussion time, consider using these discussion-leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principle presented in the central teaching.
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  - Who is someone you have a relationship with that you desire would come to know Jesus? What are their particular worldview assumptions that keep them from receiving Jesus?
  - Are you willing to take a risk in your relationship with the person above to appropriately confront their thinking? If not, what is holding you back?
4. Discuss action steps that might need to be taken as individuals and as an MC. Be as practical as possible and consider ways to both encourage each other (pray, text, call, etc) and also hold each other accountable to the actions steps (next week follow-up, etc).

# PRESENTATION SLIDES

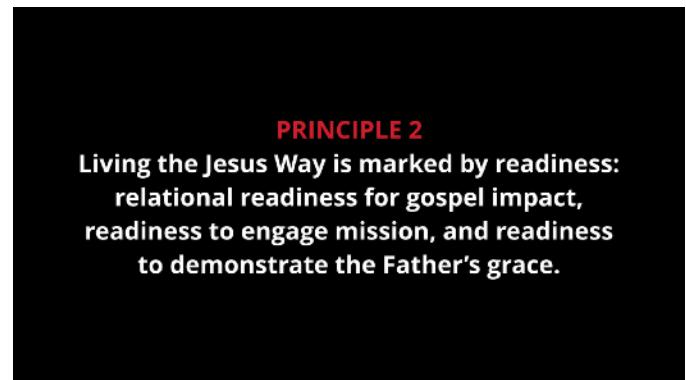


P3 - L.T. J. W. includes  
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through intention / participation  
in the mission of God.  
I want to hang out with Mike  
+ Sharon.  
DATE: 7/22



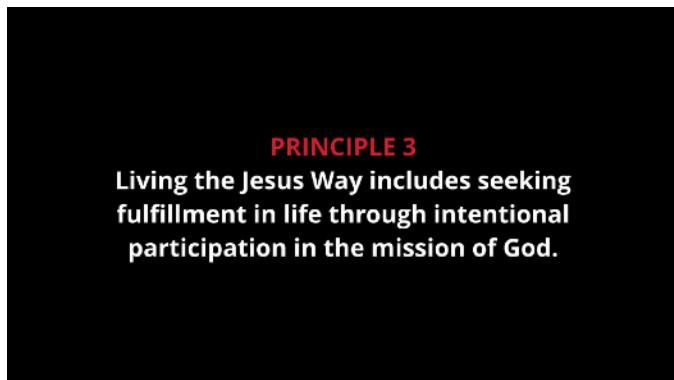
## PRINCIPLE 1

**Living in the Jesus Way begins when we empty ourselves and live under the Father's authority, in His grace & truth, through the life of Jesus.**



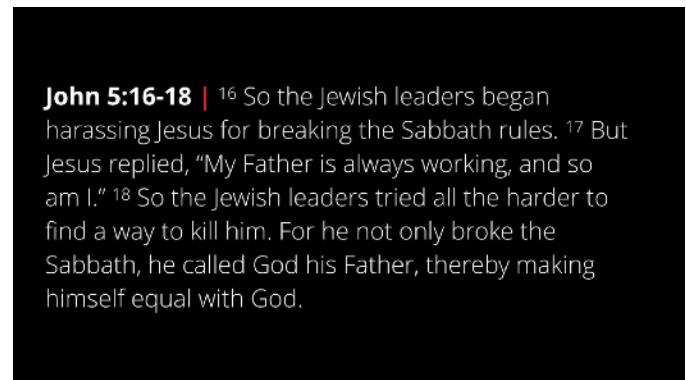
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**Living the Jesus Way is marked by readiness: relational readiness for gospel impact, readiness to engage mission, and readiness to demonstrate the Father's grace.**

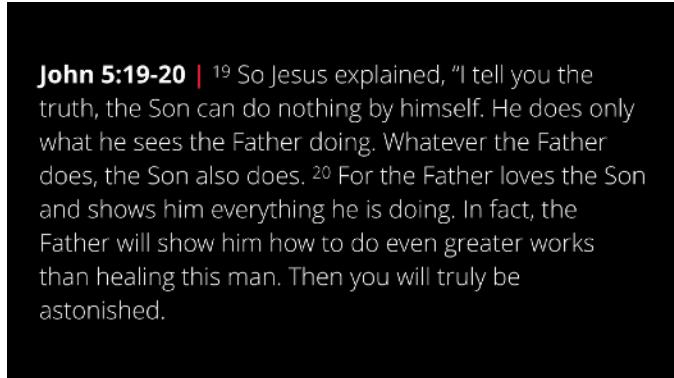


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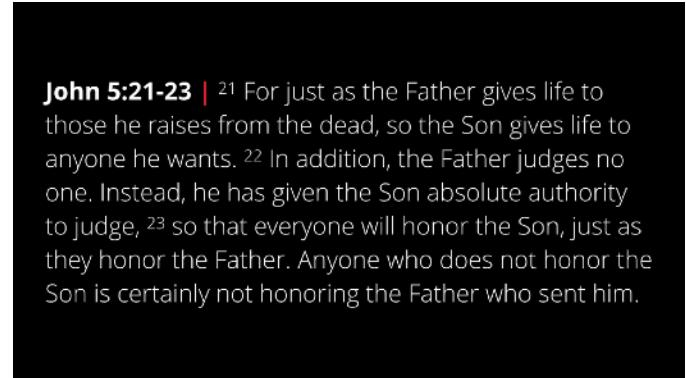
**Living the Jesus Way includes seeking fulfillment in life through intentional participation in the mission of God.**



**John 5:16-18** | <sup>16</sup> So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." <sup>18</sup> So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God.



**John 5:19-20** | <sup>19</sup> So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished.



**John 5:21-23** | <sup>21</sup> For just as the Father gives life to those he raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone he wants. <sup>22</sup> In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, he has given the Son absolute authority to judge, <sup>23</sup> so that everyone will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son is certainly not honoring the Father who sent him.

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**Jesus challenged the specific stumbling blocks of those He was reaching.**

**John 5:36** | <sup>36</sup> But I have a greater witness than John—my teachings and my miracles. The Father gave me these works to accomplish, and they prove that he sent me.

**John 5:24-26** | <sup>24</sup> "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. <sup>25</sup> "And I assure you that the time is coming, indeed it's here now, when the dead will hear my voice—the voice of the Son of God. And those who listen will live. <sup>26</sup> The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son.

**John 5:27-30** | <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to judge everyone because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Don't be so surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son, <sup>29</sup> and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment. <sup>30</sup> I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will.

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**John 5:31-35** | <sup>31</sup> "If I were to testify on my own behalf, my testimony would not be valid. <sup>32</sup> But someone else is also testifying about me, and I assure you that everything he says about me is true. <sup>33</sup> In fact, you sent investigators to listen to John the Baptist, and his testimony about me was true. <sup>34</sup> Of course, I have no need of human witnesses, but I say these things so you might be saved. <sup>35</sup> John was like a burning and shining lamp, and you were excited for a while about his message.

**John 5:37-40** | <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has testified about me himself. You have never heard his voice or seen him face to face, <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his message in your hearts, because you do not believe me—the one he sent to you. <sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! <sup>40</sup> Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.

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**John 4:41-44** | <sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people. <sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. <sup>43</sup> I have come to you in my Father's name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

**John 4:45-47** | <sup>45</sup> "Yet it isn't I who will accuse you before the Father. Moses will accuse you! Yes, Moses, in whom you put your hopes. <sup>46</sup> If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup> But since you don't believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

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1. Jesus had an intimate loving relationship with the Father which propelled Him to submit to the Father's authority and to do His will.
2. Jesus challenged the specific stumbling blocks of those He was reaching.
3. Jesus called his hearers out for rejecting the clear evidence God had provided to validate who He was.
4. Independent of the personal consequences to himself, Jesus was willing to bring healthy contention to his audience in hopes that they would accept Him.

**PRINCIPLE 4**  
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