



Life Group Discussion Guide
The Gospel of John
“The Claims of Christ” – John 5:18-47
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Main thought:

If we want to get Jesus right and faithfully represent him to others, we need to hear and believe who He is and place our lives properly in Him.

Outline

The **basis** of Jesus’ authority – **equality** with God (vv. 19-23)

The **extent** of Jesus’ authority – **eternal** life (vv. 24-30)

The **proof** of Jesus’ authority – extensive **evidence** (vv. 31-40)

The **rejection** of Jesus’ authority – **empty** heart, **eternal** risk (vv. 41-45)

Ice-Breaker

- Share something you always look forward to around Christmastime.

Digging In

Read John 5:18-23 and discuss the following questions.

- Why did the religious leaders want to kill Jesus?
- What is significant about Jesus’ claims in these verses?

Read John 5:24-30 and discuss the following questions.

- What does verse 24 teach us that is so critical to understand?
- Does the value of eternal life begin only once we die?
- How should faith in Christ impact our life now?

Read John 5:31-40 and discuss the following questions.

- Why does Jesus point to the proof of His authority?
- Which line of evidence that Jesus presented stood out to you?

Read John 5:41-47 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you in these verses?
- Can you think of any examples of people who have greater acceptance/influence in people’s lives today than Jesus, but who come in their own name? (v.43)

Application

- Why is it important that we place our lives into Jesus rather than try to fit Jesus into our lives? What is something you can do to remind yourself and apply this in your life?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?