

4Ws The Gospel of John: So That You May Know The Judge and Eternal-Life Giver

John 5:16-30

Dgroup's Curriculum: Leaders Copy

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 107:22-43** together, taking turns reading a verse at a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse. You can discuss the Psalms you read and share what they mean to you.

WELCOME

Questions. Have you ever been totally surprised by someone or something as it wasn't what you thought it would be or what they would be? How did that make you feel?

WORD

Discussion Questions:

1. How did Jesus's response to healing someone on the sabbath differ than his response in the passages of Matt. 12 and Mark 2?

Answer:

Let them discuss this. (Read John 5:17) In Matt. and Mark Jesus talks about how the sabbath was made for man not man for the sabbath and that God didn't give us the sabbath as a burden but as a blessing. In John, Jesus is making the statement He is THE Son of God. God works on the sabbath and so I can too. Jesus is Lord over the sabbath. Why was it such a big deal that Jesus referred to God as his Father.

2. Jesus stated that he does "whatever God does", what are some of the things that only God does?

Answer:

Let them discuss. Only God can create the universe or create life, do miracles, judge people, raise people from the dead, give salvation. Jesus stated I can do "Whatever God Does", not some things God does.

3. Read v.24-27. What is the key to everlasting life?

Answer:

Let them discuss this. It is hearing Jesus' words and believing God. We talked about hearing is much more than physically hearing the words, it is hearing that penetrates the heart, hearing that has a deep understanding. Believing is more than saying..ya I believe even the demons believe, but it is a deep belief that allows us to trust God. To follow God.

4. What are the 2 greater works of Jesus? Why are these 2 greater than the signs, wonders, and miracles that Jesus did?

Answer:

Let them discuss this. The 2 greater works of Jesus is eternal-life giving and judgment. This is in line with the God-head's divine will and divine plan for humanity - which represents humanity's greatest need and ultimate end. God is more interested in man's eternal need rather than his temporary, earthly need.

5. What qualifies Jesus as the judge and eternal-life giver? If all judgment has been delegated to Jesus (v 21), is He able to judge justly?

Answer:

*Allow them to discuss. In the divine will and plan of the God-head (The Trinity), Jesus is the agent for judgment. He represents God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. In verse 27 it says there: "and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the **Son of Man**" - Jesus is uniquely qualified to judge humanity because He is both the all-knowing God and at the same time a man who understands by experience what it is like to be human. Yes, He is able to judge justly because of that.*

WORK

This week has been focused on the who Jesus is and the deity of Christ. Jesus is God and we are NOT! Which is a wonderful thing. Think about the struggles in your life right now and how freeing it is that God is Lord over those struggles. This week take time and focus on how God is God :) Ask the group to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to Life Group, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple or individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

Close your time together in prayer