



Big Idea: The Gospel According To John – Read John 5

Pastor Curt Seaburg - Part 6

This week This week Pastor Curt asked a pointed question... What are you going to do with Jesus? Remember, the entire book of John is written ‘that you may believe in Jesus.’ And for many, it can be difficult to believe. John chapter 5 is a great encouragement for doubters and Pastor Curt unpacked for us this powerful chapter in our summer series.

John 5 is full of reasons to believe that Jesus really is who he says he is!

Jesus is God. He is equal in works with the Father. (v17-21) He is equal in judgement with the Father. (v22) He is equal in honor with the Father. (v23)

Jesus is Alive. Jesus resurrects dead sinners. Jesus resurrects those facing eternal life and those facing judgment.

John 7:17 - If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. (ESV)

Jeremiah 29:13-14 - You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you,” declares the LORD. (ESV)

Jesus is Trustworthy. John the Baptist (John 5:32-33) Works / Signs (John 5:34-36) God the Father (John 5:37-38) Scriptures (John 5:39)

There is no distance grace won't exceed, and no doubt hope can't eclipse.

Discussion Questions

- What was it that made the religious leaders so upset with Jesus?
- What doubts do you have about Jesus?
- What is your reason for believing (trusting) in Jesus?
- Has there been a time in your life when you struggled with doubt? What are some ways that helped you overcome those doubts?
- Share your resurrection story.

Prayer Focus

Begin to pray and ask God to reveal any causes of doubt in your life. If they are rooted in negative relationships, pray for wisdom about how to create some space in those friendships. Ask God to help you develop greater trust in His goodness and a greater understanding of his incredible love for you. Ask Him to help you overcome your unbelief.

Next Steps

Ask God to identify and remove any doubt, negativity or sin that you may have in your life. Let Him know that you are not interested in letting any of those three things define you, and ask Him to help you redirect the focus of your mind, which influences your spirit. As you read the Word each day, ask Him to reveal more of Himself to you through Scripture.

Leader Tip

Remember to pray for your group members by name every day. Ask your members how you can pray for them and keep a list so you can see how God is answering your prayers.