

## Truth or Consequences?

### John 5:38-47

- Greet your group! Allow time for everyone to share the best part of their week.
- Take prayer requests and ask someone to open in prayer.

Main Idea: Jesus warns the religious leaders about the serious consequences of denying His deity.

Share: John 5:1-37 reveals the truth that Jesus is God. Verses 38-47 consider four consequences for denying this truth.

-Carter, Matt, Josh Wredberg, David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida. *Exalting Jesus in John*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishing Group, 2017.

### Discuss:

Deity- this is referring to Jesus being God.

- Read **John 5:38-47** together as a group. (you may assign this to one person or several people)
- Allow each student to read the passage alone completing a H.E.A.R. Journal. (**Highlight** what stands out to you, **Explain** what the passage is saying, **Apply** this passage to your life, **Respond**)
- Allow time for sharing from H.E.A.R. Journals

### Small Group Discussion Questions:

What consequences will you face if you deny or miss the truth that Jesus is God?

What is the purpose of Scripture?

What are some ways that people misunderstand the purpose of Scripture?

What steps can we take to make sure that Jesus remains the focus of Bible Study?

What Old Testament passages can you think of that point to Jesus?

What happens to our beliefs about God if we read scripture and miss the point of Jesus?

What did Jesus mean when he said, "Moses is your accuser" to the Pharisees?

\*Don't feel like you have to get through all of these questions. Allow time for reflections and meditation upon God's word! Silence is okay! Allow the Holy Spirit to work and focus on where you see Him moving in your group!