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¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:16-18

²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. ²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. ²⁴ “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

John 5:21-24

I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me.

John 5:36

³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹ “I do not accept glory from human beings, ⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. ⁴³ I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

John 5:39-44

Start talking.

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- There are a lot of things in this world that do not make sense. Daylight savings. Ikea furniture. People who wear socks with sandals. What are some things that do not make sense to you?

Start thinking.

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- **Read: John 5:16-18, 21-24:** Why did the Jewish leaders find Jesus so offensive? What claims did Jesus make about Himself? Why do you think Jesus is so controversial in our culture today?

Start sharing.

Choose a question to create openness.

- **Read: John 5:36:** Pastor Chris says, “Baptism is a modern-day miracle. It’s about life change and changed lives are a miracle that point to the reality of who Jesus is.” Have you been baptized? If not, what is keeping you from being baptized. If you have been baptized, what do you remember the most about your baptism day?
- **Read: John 5:39-44:** How different is your life ever since you came to know Jesus as your Savior? How does the Word of God influence your day to day?

Start praying.

Be bold and pray with power.

- Take prayer requests + pray together

Start doing.

Commit to steps and live it out this week.

- **Read + Reflect:** John 5
- **Watch:** Daily Devotions with Pastor Chris and Cara this Wednesday @ 12 pm.
- **Do:** Take a day to rest in the Lord