

JESUS THE REBEL

WORSHIP

What are the two or three primary practices that have led you to discover life with God? (prayer, singing, community, evangelism, Sabbath, Bible reading, sermons, study, fasting, others...)

FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Mike talked about how helpful Mere Christianity was for him a few weeks ago. Have you ever read a Christian book that was helpful to you - if so, share a favorite book and why it was helpful?

DISCUSSION

1. Read John 5:1-8

a. What stands out to you about how John describes this scene? John is relaying a series of 'signs' in this portion of his gospel account to show that Jesus is the Messiah. How can you begin to see this as a sign?

2. Read John 5:9-15

a. What observations stand out to you in this part of the account? Why do you think the teachers are focusing on the Sabbath when someone was just healed? What does this say about their instincts?

3. Read John 5:16-18

a. Having read further into the story, can you see how clearly John is connecting this sign to Jesus as God's promised one? What parts of this story are encouraging? What parts of this story are challenging? What aspects help you see God's plan starting to unfold?

4. If time, read the rest of John 5 to see where Jesus ultimately takes the conversation.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I worship you as the creator and sustainer of the universe. Lord Jesus, I worship you, Savior and Lord of the world. Holy Spirit, I worship you, sanctifier of the people of God. Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more. Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you. Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God, have mercy upon me. Amen. (prayer from John Stott)

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