

Life Group Questions (John 5:30-47)

- 1. Read John 5:30-47 together. What stands out to you from this passage? What questions come to mind? What impacted you from the sermon?
- 2. What is the purpose of a witness in a court of law? When a witness is called, how important is the credibility of the witness in determining the strength of their testimony?
- 3. What does the Bible say about the number of witnesses required to prove something legally? Read Deuteronomy 17:6, Deuteronomy 19:15 and John 8:17.
- 4. How many witnesses does Jesus give in this passage? Walk through the passage and identify each witness and how that witness proves Jesus is who he says he is.
- 5. In this passage Jesus also came down hard on the religious leaders. He essentially told them they did not have the love of God in them. Why do you think Jesus uses such "harsh" abrupt language with the religious leaders?
- 6. Jesus told the leaders they searched the scripture thinking eternal life was in them, but they missed the point. In what ways do we do the same thing? Pastor Andrew talked about treating the Bible as "theological dictionary", "moral handbook", or "devotional grab-bag". Which ones of those most resonates with you?
- 7. Think about the phrase "the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus". How would that mindset change the way you read the Bible?
- 8. In what ways do people accept others instead of Jesus? Have you seen this in your own life? Are their "versions" of Jesus you are tempted to accept that aren't based on scripture?
- 9. Jesus told the religious leaders they missed the point because they loved receiving glory from one another. In what ways do we do this today? Are you someone who cares a lot about what people think of you? Why or why not?
- 10. What things need to change in your life so you don't get derailed by some of the problems the religious leaders had?