



Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

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Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: John 5:31-47

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31“If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true.**32**There is another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony he gives about me is true.**33**You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth.**34**I don’t receive human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved.**35**John was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.**36**“But I have a greater testimony than John’s because of the works that the Father has given me to accomplish. These very works I am doing testify about me that the Father has sent me.**37** The Father who sent me has himself testified about me. You have not heard his voice at any time, and you haven’t seen his form.**38****You don’t have his word residing in you, because you don’t believe the one he sent.****39****You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet they testify about me.****40****But you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life....****45**Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope.**46****For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me.****47**But if you don’t believe what he wrote, how will you believe my words?”

Sermon Summary:

Jesus gave a strong word to the Jewish leaders to show them that there were multiple witnesses to him which should have caused them to believe. He mentions God the Father, John the Baptist, his own works (which were the Father’s works) and finally scripture itself. Jesus said that Moses wrote about him. However, he tells them that since they don’t believe Jesus that indicates they don’t believe Moses either.

However, the scriptures point us to Christ so how we read the scripture is very important. If our reading or studying is for ethics or morality, we will not receive life. Only by meeting Christ in scripture will we receive eternal life.

Discussion:

1. What are the four witnesses and supporting verses that testify of Jesus?
2. What do many people see as the purpose of the Bible?
3. What are some of the problems with those views?
4. List some prophecies of Christ in scripture.
5. List some types of Christ in scripture.
6. List some of the figural items in scripture?
7. What ways help you find Christ in the Bible?

End with Prayer:

- Pray that we would Christ in our Bible reading so that we could receive life.