



# Believe

JOHN

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## Community Group Material:

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

### Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

**Bible Reading:** John 5:16-30

### Sermon Summary:

After the invalid was healed (Jn. 5:1-9a), things went bad because Jesus healed on the Sabbath. The Jewish leaders were outraged because it was a day of rest. Jesus explained that God was still working to give life & judge as babies were born & people died. God didn't take a day off one day a week. If he did, life would collapse.

Jesus explained that as his Father still worked to give life to people, he likewise worked to give people life. That threw gasoline onto the fire, & the Jews accused Jesus of blasphemy: making himself equal with God. So Jesus began to graciously show them how he was working with God by giving life and judging as only God could. With that having been said, Jesus told people that to have eternal life they were to believe in him. Jesus is still working the works of God today to bring eternal life to all people, and he asks us to work together with him.

**Discussion:**

1. In John 5, the story quickly turns from a 'healing' story to a 'conflict' story. What caused this sudden turnaround? (Jn. 5:9b-10, 16 & 18)
2. What would happen if God stopped working or upholding things once every 7 days? Discuss Leon Morris' thoughts with one another
  - *"[In John 5:17], Jesus points to the unceasing activity of the Father. Unless he works continually no one could survive...The Sabbath cannot interfere with the work of such a one."*
3. How did Jesus describe his unique relationship with the Father? [Use Sitar example]
4. In which two ways in John 5:19-30 does Jesus "DO" the same work as the father?
5. In Jn.5:24 + 25, & 28 + 29, what response is God expecting from us when we see who Jesus really is, & what does our response give us now & in the future?
6. When do you hear God's voice? Are you in a certain place? Are you by yourself? What do you use to hear his voice? What is your inner attitude like as you hear from him?
7. Talk about experiences you've had in the past & recently when you heard the voice of Jesus and responded. How did you experience more life as you listened & obeyed?
8. Do you desire to work together more with God? What does that look like for you?

**End with Prayer.**

- Ask God for you to be in harmony more with him at work/school/home for his work .
- Pray for one another.