



# Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

## Jesus Does the Father's Work

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### I. Jesus Heals an Invalid (Jn. 5:1-9a)

### II. Conflict: The Miracle's Aftermath (Jn. 5:9b-10, 15-18)

- A. The Cause: Jesus healed on the Sabbath (5:9b-10)
- B. The first mild reaction
  - 1. The Jewish leaders investigated & found out who healed on the Sabbath – Jesus (vv. 12, 15)
  - 2. The Jewish leaders persecuted Jesus (v. 16)
- C. Jesus' response: *"My Father is still working, and I am working also."* (v. 17)
  - 1. God rested but didn't stop working (Gen. 2:3; Exo. 20:8-11)
  - 2. The Jewish leaders allowed circumcision on the Sabbath (Jn. 7:21-23)
  - 3. Jesus continues God's work
  - 4. Jesus called God *"My Father"*
- D. The second much more intense reaction (v. 18)
  - 1. Because he broke the Sabbath law
  - 2. Because he made himself equal with God

### III. Jesus' Defense (Jn. 5:19-30)

- A. The unique relationship between the Father & the Son (vv. 17, 19-20)
  - 1. The Son cannot act in independence of the Father (v. 19)
  - 2. God the Father loves God the Son (v. 20)
- B. The Son's work is the Father's work (vv. 19, 21-22, 26-27)
  - 1. The work of giving & sustaining life (Deut. 32:39; 1 Sam. 2:6; 2 Kgs. 5:7)
  - 2. The work of judgment (Gen. 16:5; 18:25; Jud. 11:27; Psa. 43:1)
- C. The Son is honored (worshiped) as the Father is (Jn. 5:23; Isa. 48:11)

D. The expected human response (vv. 24-25, 28-29)

1. *"Truly, truly"* is a rhetorical device to signal the introduction of an important new saying
2. In the present: hear the voice, believe, & eternal life (vv. 24-25; Jn. 3:16-17; 6:33, 40, 44, 47, 50-58; 10:10; 17:2-3)
3. In the future: hear the voice & live (vv. 28-29)

E. Jesus seeks the will of the Father (v. 30)

#### **IV. What Should You Do When You Hear Jesus' Voice?**

- A. Where can you hear Jesus' voice?
- B. Believe & receive eternal life
- C. Work together with God