

Come and See

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WARM-UP QUESTION: What things in life have you had high hopes for that ended up disappointing you?

READ: John 5:19-47

FOCUS: Life is in Jesus, who is God.

OBSERVE:

- **Jesus' Proclamation** (John 5:19-23) By saying He is the Son of God, Jesus is saying He is equal with God. This means that when we honor Jesus, we are honoring God and conversely when we dishonor Jesus, we are dishonoring God the Father.
- **Jesus' Proof** (John 5:30-37; 5:45-47) The evidence for Jesus' claim that He is God and that life is found in Him is proved by the Holy Spirit, the works of God the Father, the Scriptures, and the Prophets, like John the Baptist and Moses. This proof allows us to trust Jesus and His promises.
- **Jesus' Promise** (John 5:24-29) We can experience the fullness of life and joy in Christ when we believe in Jesus and live out our faith by doing good for God's Kingdom. It's important to also remember that God has given Jesus the power and authority to judge each person individually, based on their heart's motives as well as their actions.
- **Our Personal Problem** (John 5:38-44) We often look to other things to bring us a sense of life and satisfaction. In reality, Jesus is the only one who can truly bring us joy and lead us in a life full of love. Our culture tells us that getting praise from others brings satisfaction in life. However, the fulfillment brought by human praise or glory is always temporary and increasingly less satisfying.

REFLECT:

- Are you looking for praise from others around you instead of looking to Jesus as your source of life?
- How would these areas of your life be different if you turned to Jesus to find satisfaction in Him as opposed to other things?

TAKE ACTION:

- We receive life in Jesus by believing in Him and repenting for the times we have turned to other things for fulfillment rather than turning to Him. This week, take a moment with Jesus by focusing your mind and attention on Him. Ask Him to fill you with life and trust Him to fulfill His promises.
- Please join us in reading the book of John during this series. This week's passage is John 6:1-71.

PRAY:

Jesus, we thank You for the life that You give us. Help us to trust in You and not look to the things of this world to satisfy us. We praise Your holy name and lift You up in all that we do. Jesus, remind us of Your truth and Your faithfulness every day, help us to see You more clearly. We give You all the glory because only You are worthy of it, in Jesus' name, amen.

