



## John 5:19-29 Small Group Questions

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- Have someone read John 5:19-29. What does this passage seem to be about? How does this passage relate to the story of the man who was healed on the Sabbath?
- Ben said that this passage is fundamentally about Jesus' identity and Jesus' activity. What words pop up throughout this passage that indicate that this passage is about who Jesus is?
  - Who is the "Father"? Who is the "Son"?
  - What is the relationship of the Father and Son in this passage?
  - Ben taught that the activity of the Father and the Son here is so close that they seem to be one. What does it mean that the Father and Son are one?
  - Ben said that this passage gives evidence about the *Trinity*. What is the Trinity? How would you describe it?
  - Why is the Trinity a core doctrine of Christianity?
  - Why is the mysterious nature of the Triune God a good thing? Why is it good news that we cannot totally understand the Trinity in our humanity?
  - Ben said that knowledge of the Trinity can only come through an invitation that God makes. Why can't people come to know the reality of the Trinity through things like nature or philosophy?

- Ben said that Jesus healed on the Sabbath “to show us who He really is.” Who is Jesus, really?
  - Ben talked about the difference between respecting the Son and honoring the Son. What is the difference between these, and why does it matter that we honor the Son instead of merely respecting Him?
    - What does it look like to honor the Son?
    - What does it look like to honor Him in your work? In your relationships? In your hobbies?
  - Why is it not possible to say that Jesus is merely a wise teacher or a moral example? How does Jesus begin to force us to make a decision in this passage?
    - How would you respond to someone who said that Jesus is just another prophet?
    - How would respond to someone who said that they like the moral teachings that Jesus made but don’t really think that He’s God?
- What is it that Jesus as our judge is able to give us that nothing else can? Why is Jesus able to do this?
  - Why did Jesus have to be fully man in order to be our perfect judge?
  - Why did Jesus have to be fully God in order to be our perfect judge?
  - How do we reconcile the fact that eternal life comes through belief (John 3:16) and the statement here that judgment happens according to our deeds (5:29)?
    - Where have you seen God forming you and leading you to good deeds lately?
    - When have you seen someone so transformed that their deeds changed completely?