

Connection Group Questions

For the week of February 2, 2025

This Week's Message: "The Power & Authority of Christ"

Passage: John 5:24-30

The following questions for discussion are designed to help move the Sunday morning teaching to a deeper place in the lives of those who hear it.

Getting-To-Know-Me Question

1. As you get older, do you find yourself becoming more, or less, like your parents? Why?

Into-The-Bible Questions

2. **Read together John 5:24-30. Jesus is given the power to grant life and the authority to judge from the Father.**
 - What sticks out as you read about the Son of Man and His obedience to the Father?
3. **What claims does Jesus make about himself in verse 24?**
 - In your words, what does it mean to "hear"?
 - In your words, what does it mean to "believe"?
 - What is the promise Jesus makes?
4. **What hour is Jesus referring to in verse 25? How had that hour already arrived as He taught?**
 - Christ again uses "hear" in reference to life, who are the dead Jesus says will hear?
 - Read Ephesians 2:1-10 together as you explore these questions.
5. **In what ways is Jesus equal to the Father (vv. 26-27)?**
 - What terms does Jesus use to show the kind of relationship between the two?
6. **Jesus makes a very distinct and exact contrast between those who hear and believe and those who do not and will not.**
 - What happens to those who hear and believe?
 - To those who do not?
 - What role do we as believers have in those around us hearing?

7. In verses 27-30, who will be the just judge at the end of days?

- Describe the “resurrection of life”? What will that be like?
Read 1 Corinthians 2:9, Revelation 21:1-7, and Revelation 21:22-27.
- Is Jesus saying that those who do good will earn the resurrection of life?
Read John 12:46, Galatians 5:16-18, 22-26, Ephesians 2:8-9.
- Describe the “resurrection of condemnation”? What will that be like?
Read Revelation 14:9-11, Revelation 20:11-15, Revelation 21:8.
- Is Jesus implying that some people have not done wicked things?
Read Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:22-24, Ephesians 2:1-3.

Application

8. How would you describe and explain verse 24 to an unbeliever?

- Write down the name of someone who can share this wonderful truth with.
- Ask the Lord to give you the opportunity to share and explain John 5:24 with them.
- Pray for them everyday this week; that they would hear and believe, and they would pass from death to life in Christ.

9. In your spiritual journey, when did you come to understand this truth?

- What were the circumstances?
- What was different when you “heard” that final time?
- What changed in you when you “believed”? Was there clear differences from your former death to your new life in Christ?

How Your Group Can Pray This Week

Praise the Lord for your life in Christ that you enjoy today and the resurrection of life that awaits you at the end of days. Hearing and believing is a gift from God that we do not earn, so glorify Him and worship Him for this wonderful gift you have through Jesus Christ.

Plead continually for your brothers and sisters in Christ, that we can each be faithful and intentional in proclaiming Jesus Christ to those around us. That the Holy Spirit would empower us and help us set aside worldly loves (money, ease, man’s praise), worldly fears (men, death, failure), and worldly trusts (knowledge, communication, experience) so we might speak the Word of Truth that unbelievers might hear and believe.