



Small Group Notes - John 5:17-29

Some groups may find the following suggested questions a helpful starting point. Don't feel bound by them, rather work at understanding God's word for yourselves, praying that God will help you live in the light of it.

Introductory Question

At the start of this new year we are re-focusing on the theme of discipleship. Why not begin by reflecting on last year. In 2017 what things do you think God was most teaching you?

If you had to brainstorm a list of words that describe your relationship with Christ at the start of 2018 what words might you use?

In what different ways would you like your relationship with Christ to grow in 2018?

Now Read John 5:17-29

God the Father longs that we would be amazed at who Jesus is (vs. 20) and honour him (vs. 23). Lets examine what this passage tells us about Jesus that might move us in that way.

What do we see about who Jesus is according to verses 17-20?

What do we see about what Jesus does according to verse 20-23?

When is Jesus doing these things according to verses 24-29?

If you had to describe the work of Jesus, how might you have described it differently to the way Jesus does here?

Application

If you pause for a moment and reflect on what you have just seen in these verses, how might they encourage us to

1. be amazed by Jesus or
2. motivate us to live to honour him?

What things might you want to do differently to honour Jesus in 2018? Over the next few weeks you might return to the things you shared to encourage one another?

Spend time praying for each other in response to God's word this week.