

## **Journey Study – October 20, 2021**

*John 5:1-29*

### INTRODUCTION

- Have someone read all of John 5:1-29, or split it up between a couple of different readers.

### CONTEXT

- Read Exodus 20:8-11 (you might need to look it up on your phone if there's no Bible in the room). Does that commandment forbid healing on the Sabbath? Does it forbid picking up a bed (John 5:8)? How might the Jews have gotten to forbidding lifting up a mat or performing a miraculous healing from Exodus 20?

### OBSERVATIONS

- Pastor Derek noted that John 5:6 seems to have the most obvious question asked. Why (according to the sermon) might that question be more difficult than it would initially appear?
- In John 5:14 Jesus tells the man not to sin so that nothing worse may happen. What does this indicate about the seriousness with which Jesus views sin?
  - What does this comment tell us about what it means to follow Jesus?
- The second half of John 5 is about authority. Read verses 21, 24, 25, and 28-29 of John 5. What kind of authority of the Lord Jesus is in view here?
- How does the editorial comment in verse 18 clarify what this passage is about?

- What surprises are there? (Try to have every person share something that is surprising from the passage)

## MEANING

- What does John 5 tell us about the identity and power of Jesus?
  - Since John 5 focuses specifically about the authority of Jesus over death, and since John loves to hint at what will happen at the end of the book, what might we start anticipating coming at the end of the book of John?
- What does this passage tell us about what Jesus came into the world to do?
- Try using your own words, and only one or two sentences, to explain the meaning of John 5.

## APPLICATION

- How does this passage of scripture challenge or comfort you? (or both)
- Is there some attitude you need to change?
- How does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus Christ?