

# The Gospel Of John

## ICEBREAKER

How do you usually respond to rules? Are they something to be held loosely or followed without question? Why?

## CONTEXT

In this passage, Jesus expounds on the statement He made in verse 18, claiming equality with God. Typically, this would have been a heretical statement, and the anger of religious leaders of the day would have been justified. Only Jesus is God, and His authority is directly linked to His deity. Therefore His authority demands our obedience.

## PASSAGE

John 5:19-30

## DISCUSS

What gives a person authority? How have you experienced authority in your life? Share when you were given positive and/or negative examples of authority.

## DISCUSS CONTINUED

What do we learn about the authority of Jesus from this passage? Where does His authority originate? Why is this important?

What does this show us about how we should respond to Jesus' authority in our lives?

What does His authority have the power to do in your life? How have you experienced the power of Jesus' authority in your life?

What makes it difficult to submit to His authority? Share about a time when you found it difficult to submit to Jesus' authority.

## NEXT STEPS

According to Matthew 28:18-20, we are commissioned, under the authority of Jesus, to go and make disciples of all nations. We operate under His authority in carrying out His mission.

What area of your life do you need to submit to Jesus' authority? Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?