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August 19, 2018
John 5:31-47
“The Christ-Centered Scriptures”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Icebreaker. For some of us, seeing Jesus in the Old Testament may be a new idea. What are some direct references made about Christ in the Old Testament? Indirect ones?
2. What was impactful to you about this sermon and text? What are some ways that you were challenged to respond?
3. IDC members, generally speaking, are students of the Word. What are some dangers of knowing about Jesus, but not loving Jesus. How can we combat this religiosity within our church body? How can we better apply what we know to how we live each day?
4. “Our wants and longings and desires are at the core of our identity, the wellspring from which our actions and behavior flows.” (James KA Smith – quote from sermon) How can we shape our longings to look more like Christ? What are some practical ways that we can do this in the next week?
5. What are some similarities/differences in these 4 witnesses that Jesus was explaining? John the Baptist, Jesus’ miracles, God the Father, The Old Testament – What was the significance of each one for Jesus’ audience?
6. The last few weeks we have heard Jesus’ claims to who he is and witnesses who back up & support these claims. How does this affect our lives Monday-Saturday? Why does it matter?
7. As you think of the Bible as one story, how does this change how you read and study? How can we better incorporate the Old Testament as we share the gospel? What difference does it make?

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