

Sermon-based Growth Group
The Gospel of John: Not All Truths are Created Equal
John 5:17-24
Questions
July 31, 2022

Introductory Discussion: What from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. Do you seek out opposing points of view and try to understand them?
2. What do you do when you find scripture that you don't understand, is confusing, or is troubling?
3. The Jews had an understanding of the Sabbath and of who God is, but Jesus contradicted their understanding. How do you handle such contradictions when you find them?
4. When was the last time your understanding of God/ the Bible changed?
 - a. Isaiah 55:8-9 says, "'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the LORD. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'" We should expect changes in our understanding as we get to know Him more. Why do you think it doesn't happen very often?
5. Are Jesus and the father equal?
 - a. What does John 5:19 tell us about the relationship between the Father and the Son?
 - b. In what ways is Jesus subordinate to the Father?
 - c. Why?
 - d. How can you be subordinate and still be equal?
6. What do we do when we find a new truth?
 - a. What does it do to the rest of what you believe?
 - b. Example: Read 1 John 1:5-10. This seems to have contradictions in it How can you reconcile the contradictions?