

## Life Group Discussion Questions John 5:16 - 29 For the week of May 22, 2022

## **Reading the Text:**

- 1. In vv. 16 18, John helps us understand why the Jewish leaders are upset with Jesus. What are the two reasons John gives? Why would those things be upsetting to them?
- 2. In vv. 19 24, Jesus responds by talking about His relationship with the Father. He uses four statements that begin with the word, 'For.' What are those statements and how would you say them in your own words?
- 3. In the last section of our passage, vv. 25 29, Jesus specifically refers to His authority to restore life and to judge. How are those true in the specific context of the healing from 5:1-17? How are they true in general?

## **Knowing the Full Picture:**

4. Read Matthew 12:9-14. Matthew also tells of Jesus doing healing on the Sabbath. What is Jesus' response in Matthew to those who believe He is violating the intent of the Sabbath?

## **Living It Out:**

- 5. What does the Sabbath mean to you? Do you have a Sabbath day during a typical week? What does that entail?
- 6. Do you have a relationship where you consistently and happily follow someone's direction? How does this help you understand Jesus' obedient relationship with the Father?
- 7. As a group, how can we be helpful for each other in finding a weekly Sabbath rest?