



Connect Leader's Guide

Lesson 10: Who is Jesus? One With God

Required Pre-Reading: Exodus 35:2-3, Isaiah 58:13-14

Text: John 5:1-18

Reading of the Text:

1. Encourage members to participate by reading a verse each.
2. After the passage has been read, members close their Bibles.
3. Now, the connect leader retells the story. **The goal is to get members to pay attention to see if the leader had missed or added anything.*
4. Now, members can open their Bibles, and verse by verse, state anything that the leader missed or added.
5. Now, members retell the story with their Bibles closed. **Connect leaders need to know the story by heart and make sure that no details from the story are missed.*

Revelation Questions:

1. How many characters can you identify in this passage?
2. Which character(s) stand out to you the most and why?
3. What is one thing you can learn about Jesus in this story?
4. What is the true meaning of the Sabbath?

Answer:

Sometimes, we think the Sabbath is just sleeping and doing what we want. The Sabbath is not about you doing what you want, going your own way nor seeking your own pleasure when we “rest” or “worship”. Honoring the Sabbath is about taking pleasure in what God desires and making His priorities ours.

Reflection Questions:

The Jews knew Sabbath to be a certain way because they had been taught through traditions and teachers of the law. In focusing on whether or not Jesus had broken that law, they missed the miracle and didn't believe that He was God Himself. Sometimes, we miss what God is doing because we're focused on traditions or experiences that are not informed by Scripture.

1. What are some ways you feel that you've applied “tradition” or made decisions from your own experiences instead of applying the Word of God? And what was the appropriate response with the application of God's Word?
2. Understanding the true meaning of Sabbath, what is one thing you'll change or do more of during your time of rest or worship?



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Please ensure to pray with your members after this lesson.

Learning Exercise(s):

1. Encourage (don't force) your members to post lessons they've learnt on their social media account(s).
2. Encourage members to journal or note down their application for the week.
3. Invite members to submit a name of an unsaved person for prayer.
4. Encourage your members to send prayer requests and praise reports in your group chats.