Isay to You: Hearing the Voice of God

WEEKONE



I SAY TO YOU WEEK ONE

This week, kicks off our new series which is focusing on how God is constantly speaking to us: In Creation, in Scripture, and in the Incarnate Word. We will look at how to understand, receive and respond to Scripture that points to Jesus Christ. Chap is diving into John 5:16-24 and Matthew 7:24-29 inviting us to see how Jesus is fulfilling the Law and the Old Testament, the words, the teachings and even the life Jesus is central to life as Christians, are we listening?

- What stood out most about Chap's sermon?
- Read John 5:16-24 + Matthew 7:24-29:
- Why is this happening in the text and what does it mean?
- What specific stands out to you about these two passages



19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. 22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.



So John is now giving us another little scene in the ministry of Jesus. We remember that the gospel of John is selected pictures. In the nineteenth chapter of John he tells us that Jesus did many other things which are not recorded. But these were recorded that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and by believing have life in His name. So John is telling you that he's just selecting certain things out of the life and the ministry of Jesus to demonstrate to you the fact that He was the Messiah, the Son of the living God. That by your believing in Him you might have life in His name. When John closed his epistle he said there are so many things that could be written about Jesus. That I suppose if someone tried to write them all, all of the libraries in the world could not hold all that could be written about Him. Well, surely we are proving that today with a multitude of books that are being published concerning the Bible and concerning Jesus, and yet, we have not nearly exhausted all that could or perhaps should be said. This is another little insight. The pool of Bethesda, inside it said of the sheep gate, today it lies inside of what is known as the lion's gate, the sheep gate no longer exists in the walls of the city of Jerusalem. But inside the lion's gate, in their excavations they have found the pool of Bethesda where the five porches where Jesus ministered to this lame man.



DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP

- What do these two passages say about who Jesus is?
- Based on Chap's sermon, how are you listening to what Jesus is trying to communicate?
- Does these two texts reflect the relationship between the Father and Jesus?
- Why does this text matter or how does it relate to your life?