



SERMON GUIDE

**WITNESS TO JESUS**

John 5:31-47

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**OUR MISSION** is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.



**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 2, Week 23)**

1 Cor. 6:18-20 (Temptation)

18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin[a] a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**rayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

## Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Have you ever been surprised by unexpected evidence or proof of something you didn't believe? How did that experience affect your perspective and what did you learn?

### Read John 5:31-47

- S** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Who are the witnesses mentioned in this passage that bear witness to who Jesus is and where he came from? What do you think it means that these "bore witness" to him? From what you know about them, how did each of them bear witness to Jesus?
- O** According to verses 37-38, how is a person able to recognize Jesus as sent from God (the Father)? In light of this, read verses 37-40 and ask, 'What should we be seeking/looking/listening for whenever we read scripture?'
- O** In verses 42-44, Jesus is claiming that a failure to believe in him is because: "do not have the love of God in you," we are quick to "receive glory from one another," and we are quick to receive other Messiahs. In your own words, explain these verses. How would you explain how the human heart works in light of verses 42-44?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** The people Jesus was talking to were scrupulous in their attention to scripture, but participated in their study and reading as an end in itself. They acted as though good scripture study was the epitome of right religion. Jesus insists that the purpose of scripture is to point to himself. What way do you approach scripture? Are you meeting with and seeking Jesus on a regular basis in his word? If not, what would it look like to begin doing that this week?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.