

PASSING FROM DEATH TO LIFE

John 5:18-29

DISCUSSION 1

The relationship between Jesus and the Father

- 1. What does it mean that Jesus is equal with God?
- 2. Why does the Father reveal things to the Son?
- 3. How are these things revealed to us?

DISCUSSION 2

God's greater works

- 1. Why is the Father showing Jesus "greater works" (v. 20)? Focus on the phrase "so that."
- 2. Read verses 21-24. How might these verses bring us hope and impact the way we live?
- 3. Read John 14:12-14. This is the other place John mentions "greater works." If God the Father reveals himself to the Son and that is a "greater work," what might be the "greater works" we are called to do?

DISCUSSION 3

Eternal hope

- 1. Read John 10:25-30. How does this passage relate to this week's passage in John 5? Discuss the similarities and differences.
- 2. In light of John 10:25-30, what can we learn about the nature of salvation?
- 3. According to John 5:24 and 29, what does it mean to not believe in the Son of God?

- 4. What are Jesus's miracles meant to point us toward? Consider verses 28-29.
- 5. How does this reality give us hope? What does it look like to live in light of that hope?
- 6. Are there areas in your life where the hope of eternal life is missing? If so, why?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some examples of God's greater works in our lives today? How can we be a part of God's greater works?
- 2. What is the relationship between Jesus and God the Father? How often does Jesus do what the Father says? Ask your children: "What does that mean for you and your relationship with your parents?"
- 3. Read verses 28-29. What are Jesus's miracles supposed to show us?

APPLICATION

- Reread the introduction of this Discussion Guide. Then, read chapters 5-12 of John, focusing specifically on Jesus's divine purpose, power, and proclamation. Think of ways to deeply root these truths in your life.
- Together, discuss practical ways that your group can be a part of Jesus's greater works (John 5:20; 14:12).