

Preparation Questions John 5.1-30
God at Work

Opener: What do most people think is God's job?

Text 1: We know John has carefully arranged his signs and v17 shows us that this sign is about Jesus' work ... What does this sign prove to us about Jesus' power, compassion and capability to accomplish his work (v1-9)? What do vs 9b – 18 add to our understanding about the scale of Jesus' work?

OT sharpener: How do Isaiah 35:3-7 and OT references to the Sabbath, eg Genesis 2.1-4, Deuteronomy 5.12-15 sharpen our understanding of what Jesus is about?

Text 2: According to v9b – 18, why does Jesus' miracle cause controversy with the Jews? What questions does it leave the reader with?

Text 3: How do vs19-30 follow on from v1-18? What do vs19 -30 tell us about a) the work of Jesus; b) how he works; c) why he does his work; d) when he will do it and e) in what way Jesus is equal with Father?

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

Sum up: From this passage, how would you sum up Jesus' identity, his relationship with the Father and his work in a way that captures the big point John wants to hit us with?

One to chew on: How has this passage challenged my attitudes and opinions about Jesus? How do I need to change?

Looking at John with someone else – illustrating

What would you point to as an example of Jesus' work today?