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### LOOKING BACK

Have you ever been a witness in a trial or been on a jury? What was your experience? What is important about a witness?

### LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD

Each week, we include questions to help us see and understand what is written in the Bible. We believe that these Scriptures came about as God's servants were moved by the Holy Spirit (God) to pen the words of God. These words, applied in our lives, will transform us to be like Jesus in thought, action, and character. This is important to understand as we listen to this week's passage.

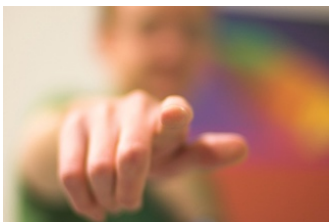
First, reread John 5:16-30 to remember the first part of Jesus' response to "the Jews" who were accusing and persecuting Him. (These people were religious authorities of the day.)

Read through John 5:31-47

What is the focus of this part of Jesus' response?

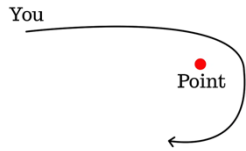


According to Deuteronomy 19:15, "A matter must be established by the \_\_\_\_\_ of two or three witness." Jesus did not need to provide testimony because He is God (see John 5:16-30). But because He is helping His disciples understand who He is, and because He loves all people, He is providing witnesses. What witnesses does Jesus provide?



Jesus' response and challenge changes in verse 37 from "me" to "you." What does Jesus say about His accuser's attitudes or actions, causes or results? (37-47)

In these statements (37-47), what does Jesus include about Himself and His role? (37-47)



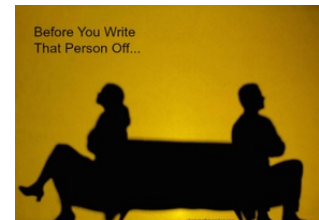
What key points have "the Jews" missed? What would be the result if nothing changes?

What is Jesus' intention and motivation for this conversation? What does He want for them? (34, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 45)

### DISCUSS TOGETHER

What are some of the opportunities (options) that we have to know about or read God's Word? What does Luke 12:47-48 imply about the purpose or outcome of studying God's Word? (See also our "core value" (on our website) that begins with "The Bible is God's story.") \*

Woven throughout His interaction with hostile people we see Jesus' desire that they might have eternal life and know the love of God (39, 42). My natural tendency would be to 'win' the argument or 'write off' the people as disinterested (or worse). What might help us have Jesus' intention and motivation?



In this passage, Jesus said that He doesn't seek or pursue praise from people. How do we see this in ourselves and our world? How is this dangerous? (See also Galatians 1:10 and Matthew 25:21)

\*Pastor Todd mentioned Bill Bunnell's recent work, *Pleasing God by Knowing and Doing His Will*. This is now on sale at Amazon. (Dr. Bunnell is a member of Trinity Church.)

### PRAY TOGETHER

- Pray for our survey meeting for the whole church on April 25 from 2:00-5:00 pm
- Pray for your group's adopted global workers
- Pray for the connections and conversations God gives you this week