

5. Why is it so easy to seek the approval of men as opposed to God's approval? Why is the approval of men so attractive?

Near Hit!
John 5:1-47
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DRIVING IT HOME

1. Why can seeking the approval of men above God's approval be dangerous for us? What kinds of situations in your life are you most tempted to value man's approval more than God's? Why?

2. How can you practically guard against prizing man's approval above God's?

Next Week: John 5**Next Week:** John 6:1-40

Book Recommendation: D.A. Carson. *Jesus the Son of God*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2012.

REVIEW

Since we focused mostly on verses 31-47, summarize what happened in verses 1-30 of chapter 5.

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever come so close to having something you wanted only to miss out on it in the end? What was that like? Why are experiences like this so disheartening?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In vv. 31-47 what various persons/things bear witness about Jesus?
2. Why might it be helpful and important to remember that the testimony God provides about Jesus is a gift of grace to us? How might this help to us to view God's testimony differently?
3. How is it possible to be so devoted to the Bible (like the Jews in this text), yet miss Jesus?
4. How might this happen in our own lives? How should we approach God's Word in order to guard against this happening?