

January 19 Discussion Questions

“God is at Work”

John 5:15-29

Review

Jesus says,

“Faith is spelled R-I-S-K”

- **R** – **“Rely on me completely”** (v. 24; 15:5)
 - Stop trusting in your own **Wisdom** and Plans (Prov. 3:5-6)

- **I** – **“I am Always working”** (v. 17)
 - Stop living like your work is more **Important** than mine (v. 21)

- **S** – **“Step forward with me”**(v. 19)
 - Stop letting **Fear** control you (Josh. 1:9; Ps. 23:4)

- **K** – **“Keep it about Me”** (v. 23, 44)
 - Stop living a **Self**-centered life

Connect

1. What was one of the riskiest things you ever did? Looking back, was it stupid or worthwhile? Would you do it again?
2. Have you taken a risk for Jesus? Why was it worthwhile? Would you do it again?

Read John 5:15-29

Discuss

3. What miracle did Jesus perform? According to the Pharisees, what law did He break?
4. Was Jesus really in the wrong? How did He argue that He wasn't?
5. According to v.16-18, why was performing this healing such a risk for Jesus?
6. What is the Godhead always doing in v.17? What is the nature of this work in v.21? How does this affect the way you approach evangelism?
7. Since God is always working, is it more important for us to make plans or be available for God's plans? How do we balance planning and available waiting?

Apply

8. Is your connection with God more based on ritual or relationship? What's the difference?

9. Where do you sense God is working in your sphere of influence? Do you sense God's voice of invitation to respond? (Have everyone share)
10. What adjustment might you need to make in order to respond to God's work?
11. In your area where God is speaking, what does the first step of obedience look like for you? What risk is involved? To what degree are you afraid to move into action?
12. How do the "first step" examples of Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Jesus, and the Apostles encourage you?

Pray

13. Pray for everyone to become more aware of God's voice in their lives. Pray also for those who sense God's voice to overcome fear through the provision and promises of God.