2. When Jesus Speaks…He lifts god high

**Welcome** (10 mins)

What traits or likes/dislikes do you have from your parents or families?

Sports/arts/languages or mannerisms, etc…

**Worship** (10min)

**Psalm 24 –** read.

Time of prayer – Thanking God for His love.

**Word** (30 min)

Introduction: In John 5:1-15, Jesus heals the invalid by the pool in Bethesda on the Sabbath. But Jesus doesn’t leave it there. He tells him in Vr 14, ‘See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.’

The religious leaders are angry because Jesus does this on the Sabbath, (they had lost sight of God ) vrs 16. And then Jesus even called God his Father, vr18.

**Read verses 19-30**

Jesus responds to the religious leaders by claiming to be God’s Son. He reveals a relationship.

How many times does Jesus say in the passage, ‘Very truly I tell you,’ (3)

What do you think it means? …..

It implied first hand information. He is claiming to know these things personally, directly and first hand. And he says it three times in this passage to reinforce it.

Jesus then talks about his relationship with the Father through works, love, judgement and honour. Let’s see how does he does this?

Discuss each verse.

Works vr 19: Only does what he sees his Father do

Loves vr 20: because the Father loves the Son… and shows him…

Judgement vr 22: Entrusted to the Son

Honour vr 23: Honour the Son because the Father sent him.

**Read verses 24-30**

Vrs 24: What claims does Jesus make about himself in this verse and what does he promise?

In this passage what happens to those who hear and believe?

What happens to those who do not hear and believe?

Vrs 30: Who is Jesus seeking to please?

What about us. Reflect individually on the following questions. Depending on the group, you can discuss in pairs or in group setting.

Who are we seeking to please in our lives?

What kind of relationship are we seeking to have with God?

**Witness** (10 min)

Pray that our families and friends may have that first hand knowledge of God the Father and Jesus his Son.

Pray for those who do know Jesus but live in fear daily because of persecution. Remember the work of Open Doors and others supporting them.