

Study Guide for July 6th, 2008. Like Father, Like Son John 5:16-30.

Introduction: How do you show honor to your parents? How should children show honor toward father and mother? What are common expressions of dishonor?

I. Honoring the Sabbath: John 5:16-18.

- A. What was the reaction by the Jewish leaders to Jesus' healing on the Sabbath?
- B. What response does Jesus make? What is the basis of his defense?
- C. Compare Jesus' reaction in John 5:16-18 with that recorded in Mark 2:23-28.
- D. Comment on the difference between, "Entering God's (divine) rest" and idleness and this related quote, "To cease to do good is not to keep the Sabbath but to sin."

II. Honoring the Son: John 5:19-23.

- A. Summarize the attitudes and activities of the Father in relation to the Son.
- B. Summarize the attitudes and activities of the Son in relation to the Father.
- C. How would you respond to someone (from this text) who says they believe in God, but feel there are many ways to him, Jesus being only one option among many.
- D. What does this text say about those who fail to honor Jesus as the Son of God?

III. Honoring the Father: John 5:24-30.

- A. Note how Jesus speaks of hearing. He must mean more than to listen. What then?
- B. What specific benefit does Jesus explain comes to the one who hears and believes?
- C. What does Jesus mean by speaking of **the dead** hearing his voice and **living**?
- D. Jesus says the Father and the Son have **life in (them)selves**, how is that different from us?
- E. According to vs. 28-29, what will happen on the last day? (see also Dan. 12:2)
- F. Who does Jesus say he is seeking to honor in his activity as Judge?
- G. What does this passage teach us about giving honor to the Father?