- 1. Recall an instance where someone asked you to simply take their word for a claim they were making. Did you do so? Why or why not?
- 2. Read John 5:30–32. On what basis does Jesus demonstrate the credibility of his own personal claims about himself? Why, however, does he not just leave it at that?
- 3. Read John 5:33–35. How does the witness of John the Baptist add credibility to Jesus' claims of authority? Why, if the Jewish leaders were honest, should they have accepted his witness?
- 4. Read John 5:36. How do the miracles of the gospels act as witnesses (or signs) of Jesus' identity? What role do miracles have today in the lives of modern believers?
- 5. Read John 5:37–38. How does the Father act as a witness to the Son? Why did Jesus make it clear that rejecting the Son (Jesus) meant rejecting the Father?
- 6. Read John 5:39–47. How do Moses and the Scriptures go hand in hand in this context? Why ought the religious leaders have known Jesus to be the Son of God based on what they knew about Moses?
- 7. How do we sometimes seek the glory of men and not God as we attempt to live out our faith? Why is it so critical that our approach to the Scriptures comes with proper attitude, expectations, and motives?
- 8. How will your approach to studying the Scriptures change because of our discussion today? How can you study more sincerely, diligently, humbly, prayerfully, and Christologically?
- 9. Have you yet believed the Son? If not, make your profession of faith today! Not because I said so, but because of the overwhelming evidence!