Week 8 Discussion Questions

Text: John 5:30-47

Icebreaker: It's finally feeling like Fall! What Fall food are you most excited for this year?

- 1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
- 2. Recap from last week: What caused the Jews to want to kill Jesus?
- 3. What does Jesus mean when he says, "If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true"?
- 4. Read Deuteronomy 17:6 and Deuteronomy 19:15. What do these verses tell us about how many witnesses are required to prove something according to Jewish law?
- 5. How many witnesses does Jesus identify to make his case? Identify each witness and describe how they each prove that Jesus is who he says he is.
- 6. Jesus accuses the Jewish leaders of knowing the Scriptures, but missing the point of them. In what ways do we do the same thing? What are you seeking when you read the Bible?
- 7. Are there "versions" of Jesus that people accept that are not based on Scripture? What are they?
- 8. What does it mean for Scripture to be authoritative and what is God's purpose in giving it to us?
- 9. Do you believe that Jesus is who he says he is? What difference does this make in your life?