

## Sermon Discussion - 26 March 2023

Read 1 John 5:6-12 together.

### **Getting Started** *Sharing from personal experience*

Think of someone you know who does not believe in Christ...maybe a family member, co-worker, or friend. What do you think would convince them that God not only exists, but wants to be in a relationship with them? What are the things holding them back from trusting in Christ?

### **Observation** *Discovering the context*

- Proof. Evidence. These are the demands of skeptics who deny the reality of Christ, faith in Christ or the faith in the Bible's testimony about Him. Read Deuteronomy 19:15. What did the Law of Moses require in order to confirm that an accusation was truthful? Why do you think this was the standard?
- In your own words, what is the evidence, or the "witness," concerning Jesus Christ in each of the three scriptures below?
  - a. John 1:32-34
  - b. Psalm 22
  - c. Acts 1:4-8

### **Interpretation** *Discovering the meaning*

1. How does Jesus' baptism reveal Him as the Son of God? Why did Jesus need to be baptised?
2. Some conclude that since Jesus was crucified, He couldn't have been God's Son. Why does John use the crucifixion as evidence in favor of His divinity?
3. Jesus said the Spirit would be coming to glorify Him. How does the Spirit still work to testify to Jesus? Where should we expect to see the Spirit working?
4. What implications does our text have for witnessing to people who don't know Jesus? What should we emphasise?
5. What does it mean for the Son to be eternal life? Where does Jesus claim this for Himself?

**Application** *Putting knowledge into practice*

- What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?
- Try memorising 1 John 5:11.  
*“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”*
- How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?