



## Sermon Main Idea:

Jesus lived a life in imitation of the Father. We are to live a life in imitation of Jesus.

## Introduction:

1. Who is someone you know whose life is worthy of imitation? What about their life stands out as worthy of imitation?

## SORP:

**Scripture** | read John 5:16-30 and relate last week's daily bible readings

**Observation** | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. Read John 5:1-15. What stands out to you about the interaction that Jesus has with the disabled man at Bethesda?
2. What do you think Jesus was trying to communicate when he said, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working," in verse 17?
3. In this text, Jesus says the phrase "Very truly I tell you" three times (verses 19, 24, 25). How did the three things He spoke following those words relate to one another?
4. Jesus mentions many times that God has given him the authority to judge. How do you think this information sat with the Jewish leaders? How do you think it sat with Jesus's disciples?
5. Read the rest of Jesus's speech to the Jewish leaders in John 5:31-47. What stands out to you about the fullness of his words to the people who were in the midst of persecuting him?

**Response** | how can we respond in our lives to what we learn?

1. What do we religiously hold onto, like the Jewish leaders held onto the "Sabbath law," that might limit God's work?
2. Jesus said, "By myself I can do nothing" (verse 30). What things are you trying to do by yourself?
3. In what areas of your life do you feel God calling you to transform into an imitation of Christ's life?
4. What are some practices you can put in place to develop your life to be worthy of imitation?
5. How do you feel God is calling you to respond to what He has shown you through this passage?

**Prayer** | ask God to help you live out your response

## Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 2/3 – John 4:1-26 MSG

Tuesday, 2/4 – John 4:27-38

Wednesday, 2/5 – John 4:39-42

Thursday, 2/6 – John 4:43-54

Friday, 2/7 – John 5:1-15

Saturday, 2/8 – John 5:16-30 NLT