

(1) Jesus articulated a principle in John 5:30 that governed his earthly life that should also govern ours: “I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.” How do we see this revealed in his life, and in what ways should it be revealed in ours?

(2) What was the role of signs, wonders, and miraculous works in the ministry of Jesus? What did God the Father intend them to accomplish? What role do such phenomena play in our lives today and in the life of the local church?

(3) Discuss the story of how God used a prophetic word based in Isaiah 58:11 in my life. Do you find this credible? If not, why not? If you do find it credible, talk about the ways in which this sort of event can be used by God to guide us, to confirm our decisions, and to remind us that he is always intimately involved in our lives.

(4) Take a few minutes and let each person share their own story of how God may have used a prophetic word or another miracle of some sort to encourage and guide them.

(5) Jesus rebuked the religious leaders for putting their hope in the Scriptures instead of in him, to whom the Scriptures pointed. Have you personally ever found yourself relying more on your knowledge of the Bible than your faith in Christ? Is there a potential for what may be called “bibliolatry” in our lives? If so, how do we avoid it?