

TESTIMONY

As preached on Sunday, November 9th

Read: John 5:31-47

1. Have you ever served on a jury? If so, how was your experience? What kinds of evidence and testimony were presented by the prosecution?
2. Today's text is a continuation of Jesus' testimony last week about his identity and authority. Why does he begin by saying, "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true"?
3. What was the Jewish understanding about testimony? Why is this important?
4. In what way(s) did John the Baptist testify on Jesus' behalf? (see vv.31-35)
5. In what way did Jesus' signs/miracles testify on his behalf? (see vv.36-38)
6. In what way(s) did the Old Testament scriptures testify on Jesus' behalf? (see vv.39-47)
7. Jesus says that the religious leaders "do not have the love of God in (their) hearts." What does he mean? What have they become fixated upon instead?
8. What is the primary purpose of the Bible? How does knowing the Bible's primary purpose change the way you utilize it?