



Miracles #2

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John 5:1-15

1. Drew began his sermon by talking about superstitions. He defined superstition as “having a fall sense of control over circumstances.” On the other hand, Jesus calls us to give up control and believe.

**What sort of things do you do so that you feel like you have control? (think about relationships with family/kids, work, future plans, the past, etc.)

2. Christianity is unique in that it is the only religion that does not have a list of things that a person must do in order to be accepted into God’s family. The grace of Jesus is offered freely, regardless past actions. And yet, we still feel as though we have to follow a set of rules, and when we don’t, shame and guilt overpower God’s love and grace.

**Why do you think it is that way?

**Is there a difference between following rules before and after someone becomes a Christian?

For more discussion: One way to think about this question is revealed in Jesus’ question to the paralytic in John 5:6 “Do you want to get well?” The man’s answer wasn’t yes or no, but an excuse. Perhaps we are seduced by the attractiveness of staying the same, rather than doing the hard work of working with God to change ourselves from the inside out.

**Why is it so tempting to stay the same?

3. As Christians, we believe that Jesus and the healing he offers is the solution to this broken world. The world however, thinks that it can solve the problem on its own.

**How have you seen secular society believe that it can fix itself?

**How can Christians realistically change the world?