

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 15 - May 21, 2022

So That You May Believe (7 Signs in John): Do You Want To Be Healed? John 5:1-47

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Have you ever been called upon or compelled by God to do something? If so, share the story with your group.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS:

The healing of a lame man on the Sabbath was a sign that Jesus is God, come to bring healing and rest to those who cannot save themselves, and believe in Him.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read John 5:1-6.** Does Jesus' question in verse 6 surprise you? Why or why not? Discuss why you think Jesus would ask this question.
 - a. **Read John 5:7-9.** Jesus tells the man to "take up (his) bed and walk." How did the man respond? What, if anything, do you find compelling about his response? Why? How does the lame man's response to Jesus serve as an example to us?
 - b. **Read John 5:10-15.** Rather than marveling at the miracle they had seen, how did the Jews react to the lame man's healing? What can be drawn from their reaction?
 - i. When Jesus said, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.", what sin do you believe Jesus is speaking of?
 - ii. What, do you believe, is the "worse thing" that would "come upon" the lame man if he continued to sin?

- iii. Do you consider the lame man's statement to the Jews in verse 15 to be a betrayal of Jesus? Why or why not?
- 2. **Read John 5:16-18.** What was it that initially caused the Jews to want to kill Jesus? How did Jesus respond? Explain Jesus' response and how the Jews reacted to His response. Why did they react in this way? What does this say about the hearts of the Jews toward God (Read **John 5:42** for the answer!)?
 - a. **Read John 5:19-24.** In these verses, Jesus makes several claims about Himself. What claims does He make? Many non-believers claim that Jesus was a good man, but not divine. How do these verses refute that claim? Discuss the ramifications of Jesus' claim in these verses if the claims are true or if they are false.
 - b. **Read John 5:25-30.** What comfort can the believer take from these verses? How could you use these verses to speak to others about Jesus?
- 3. **Read John 5:31-47.** Jesus quotes scripture regarding the testimony of two witnesses. Who does Jesus say are His two witnesses?
 - a. In these verses, Jesus accuses the Jews with several charges. Discuss the charges He accuses them of (There are six (6) of them).
 - b. In these verses, Jesus turns the tables on the Jewish leaders. Discuss the effectiveness of His response.
- 4. How has Jesus brought healing and rest into your life? Discuss the importance of believing in Him and responding to His calling.

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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