

Get Up and Walk

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | John 5:1-17

NOTE: As a guide, use these questions to help with group and family discussion, or for personal reflection. Not all questions are needed. Select the ones that will best serve your group as you grow in Christ together through His Word. *Soli Deo Gloria*.

Ice Breaker

If you could step into one story in the Bible, what would it be? Why?

Understanding the Text in Context

Compare the reactions and responses of the healing right before this (in John 4:43-54) with the healing in our text this week.

How does Jesus heal in these two texts? What does this tell us about Jesus?

Connecting to Jesus and His Gospel

What do the different characters in the story — the Jewish leaders, the healed man, and Jesus — teach us about what it means to have genuine belief?

Why did Jesus ask the invalid man “do you want to be healed?” What is the spiritual significance? What would you say if Jesus asked you that question?

Jesus charges the healed man to sin no more. The religious leaders thought Jesus was encouraging sin due to their misunderstanding of the point of the Sabbath: renewal. When Jesus later meets the healed man, He warns of something “worse” (v. 14). What is Jesus teaching this man?

Living Out the Truth

Where are you tempted to value comfort, approval, routine, or control more than following Jesus?

Jesus pursued the healed man after the miracle. How have you experienced the Lord's pursuit of you and His work in your life?

How is God, through Jesus, still working in your life? Ask God to show you His work. Thank God for His work. Pray together and for one another, trusting God to continue to work in us and through us.

Parenting Moment and Family Focus

Talk to your kids and ask about the last time they felt stressed or upset. How did they react? What would it have looked like to honor God even in their stress? Collaborate with them to think through ideas. Pray together!

Further Study

Why is John 5:4 in a footnote in many translations? Two articles and a video series:

- [Where Did v 4 Go? \(John 5:4\)](#)
- [Why are the newer translations of the Bible missing verses?](#)
- Watch three documentaries (with Apologist Wes Huff) that answer the question: [Can I Trust the Bible?](#) Episode 2 is especially relevant: "The Right Text."

The purpose of the Sabbath was a controversy during Jesus' ministry. In other Gospel accounts, Jesus is "Lord of the Sabbath." [What does it mean that Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath?](#)

Looking ahead to next week's Sermon and Text: Read the three sections in the Scripture Journals for John 5:18-47: "Life in Himself" and "Trinity: A Contradiction? Nonsense?" and "Jesus' Vindication and Our Resurrection"