

Small Group Questions
4-14-24
John Part 19 – Healing and Sabbath

Scripture Reference:
John 5:1-17



INTRODUCTION: The gospel of John is a unique eyewitness testimony of the life of Jesus that emphasizes His deity and provides information about Him that's not found in the other Gospels. John wrote this account so we would know that we can find true, abundant life in Christ alone: "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31).

Ice Breaker: What do you think of when you hear the word "Sabbath"?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (note: questions are based on NASB)

- 1. Verses 1-5 – After what things? Where is Jesus now? What is "the sheep gate"? Why do you think Jesus did not heal more people with so many in need at this place (why this certain man?)?**
- 2. Verses 6-13 – Do you find it odd that Jesus would ask this question? Do you identify in some way with the man's answer (frustration, lack of concern from others, inability to change your circumstances, etc.)? Why is it significant that this was the sabbath?**
- 3. Verse 14-17 - What do you think Jesus did not reveal Himself to the man before? What is the real issue that Jesus has come to address? What worse may happen to him if he continues in his sin? What is the significance of verse 17?**
- 4. What are you struggling with that this story may help you to have a different perspective about? What significance does the "sabbath" have to you? Are you resting in Jesus or in your ability to fix your circumstances? Has this story strengthened your faith?**
- 5. Pray that you would grow in your trials and tribulations. Let us praise God for the sabbath rest that is to come through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.**