GOSPEL OF JOHN

A Small Group Bible Study

CHAPTER 5
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This Bible study is designed for small group study. The small group discussion format for Bible study involves a weekly live discussion of a passage of scripture previously studied individually or with a partner. Ideally, you and your fellow small group members will study and develop answers daily to the six days of study questions, then meet as a group to discuss your answers. Some enjoy working alone to develop their answers, while others such as couples or friends like to work in pairs. At the weekly meetings discussion leaders facilitate the group in answering the questions. The idea is to share insights, explore the Bible together, and benefit from group discussion of biblical principles.

This format is designed to challenge the student to study the Bible on a daily basis, discuss and share insights with others, and learn biblical truths that can be applied in daily life. Daily study can take as little as 15 minutes but is typically 30 minutes. The weekly discussion can easily last an hour, and may easily take 90 minutes or longer with groups that are comfortable or familiar with one another. The facilitator should allow all to share, but keep the group on track and ensure that opinions do not trump the truth of God’s Word.

Discussion leaders do not have all the answers and should not be expected to have them – they should be expected to: 1) be knowledgeable on Biblical doctrine; 2) understand how to facilitate group discussion; and 3) know how to say "I don’t know". Discussion leaders and students can learn from each other and learn more about the life of Jesus Christ together. It may surprise you how much you can learn from this format. Let me know how it works out for you, I would love to hear from you. God Bless,

Tim Scott
DAY ONE

1. Why do you think Jesus asked the invalid man if he wanted to get well in the Gospel of John Chapter 5, verse 6?

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2. From the invalid man’s response what did he not understand about Jesus?

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3. What law do the Jews refer to in the Gospel of John Chapter 5, verse 10?

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DAY TWO

1. Why did the man become an invalid?
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2. Read Psalm 107:17-19; Mark 2:1-5; Mark 2:8-12 and John 9:1-5. What can we conclude regarding sickness and the consequences of sin from these verses?
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3. Why do you think the Jews asked the man who it was that healed him in the Gospel of John Chapter 5, verse 12?
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DAY THREE

1. The Jews sought to kill Jesus for 2 things that he did. What were they?

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2. According to Jewish law, was death the prescribed punishment for doing work on the Sabbath?

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3. List 5 things we learn about God the Father from the Gospel of John Chapter 5, verses 17-27.

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DAY FOUR

1. List 2 things from the Gospel of John Chapter 5, verses 17-27 that God the Father has given the Son or authorized the Son to do.

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3. For what 2 reasons did God the Father give Jesus the authority to judge?

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2. _________________________________________________________________________
DAY FIVE

1. From verses in the Gospel of John Chapter 5 below, state the ways that testimony is given for Jesus Christ:

   • Verse 33 _____________________________________________________
   • Verse 36 _____________________________________________________
   • Verse 37 _____________________________________________________
   • Verse 39 _____________________________________________________

2. Whose testimony does Jesus not accept?

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3. Why do you think Jesus would not accept human testimony?

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DAY SIX

1. List the mistakes or shortcomings of the Jews (as pointed out by Jesus) in the following verses from the Gospel of John Chapter 5:

   - Verse 38 ____________________________________________________
   - Verse 40 ____________________________________________________
   - Verse 43 ____________________________________________________
   - Verse 47 ____________________________________________________

2. From your reading of the Gospel of John Chapter 5, whose testimony was weightier than John the Baptist?

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3. How do we accept praise or testimony from people; and how can that sometimes be out of line with God’s will?

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Compare Your Answers at: