

L I F E I N H I S N A M E

John 5

Week 5

Day 1

PRAY: Ask the Father to show you the hidden treasure in His word today.

READ: John 5:1–15

WRITE:

1. What did Jesus simply ask the lame man in verse 6? _____

Why do you think He asked him this? _____

2. According to verse 14, what did Jesus know about this man? _____

APPLY:

1. Read verse 6 again, take note that Jesus *saw* him lying there and *knew* his problem. Be assured that Jesus sees and knows all that you are going through. How does this speak to your heart today?

It seems that Jesus was getting to the heart behind the lame man's healing in vv. 6 and 14. The condition of the man's spiritual being was essential and connected to his physical being. How often do we try to fix the outward when Jesus is concerned about our inward heart being right with Him? We sometimes need to ask ourselves, "Do we really want to be made well and whole, inside and out?" If there is any lack of wholeheartedness or sin keeping you from walking in the healing and wholeness of heart God has for you, take a moment in prayer and confess that now.

Day 2

PRAY: Ask the Father to speak to you through His word.

READ: John 5:10–18

WRITE:

1. How did the religious Jews react to the fact that the lame man was healed? What does this reveal about them? (vv. 16,18) _____

2. Write Jesus' response to the Jewish leaders in verse 17. _____

What is the work of God that was right in front of them that they missed? _____

APPLY:

1. There's no doubt that the Jewish religious leaders were so focused on what they thought was spiritual that they missed the work of God right in front of them. They were going way beyond the law and putting burdens on people that God never intended. See Matthew 23:1–12. Write your thoughts on what was important to the religious leaders in this passage. _____

Do you seek man's approval? Are you content with the Lord's approval alone? Ask the Lord to help balance your perspective.

Day 3

PRAY: Ask God the Father to give you understanding in His word.

READ: John 5:19–37

WRITE:

1. What do the scriptures have to say here about:

- Honor and who receives it? _____

- Life and who gives it? _____

- Judgment and who judges righteously? _____

APPLY:

1. Describe the relationship between God the Father and His Son Jesus. _____

What light does this shine on Jesus' authority and nature as God? _____

Day 4

PRAY: Ask the Lord to show you wonderful things in His word.

READ: John 5:38–47

WRITE:

1. What does Jesus say the religious leaders were looking for in the scriptures? (v. 39) _____

What was the simple step they were unwilling to take to find life according to verse 40?

APPLY:

1. What has this chapter shown you regarding the importance of God's word? _____

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PRAY: Ask the Father to solidify His truth in your heart.

READ: John 5:31–47

WRITE:

1. From verses 31–37, who are the four witnesses listed as testifying to Christ? _____

APPLY:

1. Jesus refers to John the Baptist (vv. 32–35) as a *burning and shining lamp*. Another version refers to John as a “torch, blazing and bright.” How can you be that kind of light and witness in the world you live in? _____

2. There is much we have not touched on in each chapter. What else has built your faith from your reading of John 5? _____
