

LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.
The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an
aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- How does John 5:1 set us up to think we are going to see true religion at its finest? What do we discover instead?
- What evidence do we have in the account of the healing at the pool of Bethesda to support the claim that they did not “have the love of God” in their hearts (5:42)?
- What about the question of 5:11 is almost shocking? How does it reveal that their view of sin was all wrong?
- What are some of the ways that people seek praise from one another? How does Paul tell us that we are to seek praise from God?
- Has Jesus made you whole? If so, does his command to “sin no more so that nothing worse comes on you” applicable to you? In what ways might we be like this man was with regard to this?
- What do you think can keep us from experiencing the life that Jesus has for us? How does this text press us toward pursuing it?

The Word Became Flesh (11)

Where is Life?

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Text: John 5

Introduction

- A. Who has the proper form of worship? (John 4:19-24)
- B. *Having the proper form of worship can never be a substitute of having the proper effect of worship.*

I. What's Wrong with Jerusalem? (1-7)

- A. Proper Place; Proper Time (1)
- B. But not the Proper Impact (2-7)
 - i. Outside the city walls... near the sheep [place] (2:14 ?).

➤ Matthew 9:36

ii. v7 “No one to help me” Why?

a) 5:42 -

b) 5:44 -

➤ Romans 2:7

C. All the form; none of the power.

II. What Has Messiah Come to Do? (8-30)

A. Vv 8-15 Jesus came to make us whole.

i. They didn't ask, "Who made you whole?" but, "Who told you to pick up your mat?" (12)

ii. Jesus ups the ante (16-18).

iii. Jesus came to give life.

a) Giving Life and Judgment go together.

b) John 5:27 and Isaiah 42:1

B. Sin no more!

III. What must we do to live in this wholeness? (5:2-7)

A. Water in John

B. Why does John tell us the man had been there 38 years?

i. Deuteronomy 2:14

ii. Numbers 13:26-33

a) John 5:6

b) The pool represented wholeness to this man.

iii. What keeps us from walking in the wholeness that Christ made available?

C. A warning we should heed (39-40, 46-47).

Human dignity consists in being whole again. Wholeness enables us to subdue the earth and fill it with the garden, to the ends of the earth.