



## OPENING QUESTIONS:

What are some *unwritten* rules you grew up with based on religious tradition that might not have been a good representation of the heart of God?

Ask if anyone has ever been a part or witnessed a Miracle? (Big or Small) Explain?

**READ John 5:1-17.** Describe the scene. (What does your sanctified imagination see/hear?)

What might this man's life been like? What would his limitations been?

How much did he have to rely on other people to perform simple things in his life?

**READ** vs. 10-12 together. How does the man's response to the Religious leaders mirror Adam's response in the garden in Genesis 3:12?

**TALK ABOUT THIS:** So many other accounts of Jesus' healings and life change He brought to others would have gone to great length to testify of His life saving power.

This man on the other had was quick to return to the Religious Leaders in vs. 14 to tell "on" Jesus - and not "testify" of Him. What does that tell us of his heart and faith?

**ASK:** Have you ever desired Jesus to touch and heal you? Have you received that healing?

Are you still in need of a healing from God? Take some time and **PRAY** for one another.

**Now READ John 5:16-47** Then talk about the following...

In what ways did Jesus claim to be EQUAL with God?

If someone came to our church and claimed to be equal with God, or a prophet, or a healer, what evidence would we demand to be convinced?

**WITNESSES (v. 30-47):** What WITNESSES did Jesus present to confirm He is the Christ?

Of the **5** WITNESSES - which one or how many of them does it take to convince you?  
(John the Baptist. The Miracles. The Father. The Scriptures. The Resurrection)

How should these WITNESSES change the way you live your life?

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**TAKE TIME TO PRAY:** Pray for each other and the concerns and needs you have as a group to close your time!

Ask God remove prejudice, man made religion, and any other limitation to your faith being more real and lived out. Ask God for more opportunities to share His love with others.

## **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Encourage your group to collect items for **COVER the COMMUNITY** an outreach to the refugees we can impact with winter clothing and undergarments!

Collection will only be until **October 29th!**

**EXTRA READING:** Read ahead JOHN 6 this week!

Encourage the group to get to it on their own in their personal time with God.