

Vision Beyond Barriers: Enforce IT! - Small Group Study Guide

Lesson Summary & Objective

Using John 5:1–9,14, this lesson explores how Jesus calls believers to move beyond barriers by aligning their vision with His promise, embracing wholeness, embodying faith through action, and enforcing His Word through consistent obedience. The objective is to help participants identify barriers, agree with God's report, respond in faith, and walk out their breakthrough.

1. Envision IT

Jesus saw healing while the man saw barriers. Faith begins when we choose the Lord's report over the report of circumstances. (John 5:1–9; Isaiah 53:1)

Biblical Exposition Question: According to Isaiah 53:1, what two competing 'reports' are believers often faced with?

Application Question: What barrier has been influencing your thinking more than God's promise?

2. Embrace IT

Jesus asked, 'Wilt thou be made whole?' revealing that wholeness requires agreement with Him. (John 5:6)

Biblical Exposition Question: Why do you think Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be made whole?

Application Question: What area of your life needs a fresh agreement with God's desire for wholeness?

3. Embody IT

The man explained his limitations, but Jesus called him to act in faith. Obedience must accompany belief. (John 5:7)

Biblical Exposition Question: What does the man's response reveal about his mindset and expectations?

Application Question: What step of obedience can you take even before you see the full result?

4. Enforce IT

Jesus commanded the man to rise, take up his bed, and walk. Breakthrough is sustained through continued obedience. (John 5:8,14)

Biblical Exposition Question: How does Jesus' command demonstrate the relationship between faith and obedience?

Application Question: What old pattern or habit must you refuse to return to after God brings change?

Scripture Reference Page (KJV)

John 5:6 – “When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?”

John 5:7 – “The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.”

Isaiah 53:1 – “Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?”

John 5:8 – “Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”

John 5:14 – “Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.”