

TEXT: JOHN 4:43-5:18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Redeemer Kids** – Volunteers urgently needed! Sign up or contact Luke Boone at luke@redeemerchurch.com for more info.
- **Male Mentors Needed!** – Men, please pray about serving at risk students 30 minutes each week on Fridays from 7:30-8:00am. Contact Jeff Marshall for more info.
- **Fall at the Park** will be on Sunday, Oct 13 at the park behind the Y from 4:30-6:30. Contact Daniel Tripp at daniel@redeemerchurch.com if you want to participate in the chili cook-off. Everyone else will be bringing a food item based on their last name. See your weekly email and digital bulletin for more info.
- **No Life Groups next week** – The week of October 13 we will take a brief break from our normal Life Group gatherings. We encourage everyone to gather in smaller groups.

Leading off...

1. How are you learning to see Jesus rightly in our study of John's gospel?
2. What are some things we learned about Jesus' identity in John 4?

BIG IDEA: Jesus gives us rest.

Read John 4:43-47

3. What are some things we know about this official?
4. This official is facing the crushing reality that he cannot control this situation. Have you ever faced a situation like this? Did it drive you to despair of faith and trust?
5. What do you suppose is the posture of the man as he approached Jesus?
6. What can we learn from him, about how we approach Jesus?

Read John 4:48-54

7. Why did Jesus heal the official's son?
8. Discuss this statement: *"The power of Jesus is not limited by the strength of our faith"*.
9. Jesus is not offended by this man's weak faith. How does that encourage you?
10. In verse 53, we see that the man *"himself believed, and all his household"*. His head and his heart now were aligned. How is even weak faith an indication that we have genuine faith?

Read John 5:1-6

11. What is the correct way of understanding this pool?
12. What do we notice here about the sick people lying around the pool?
13. How do we sometimes view desperate people in the same way? How should we view them more like Jesus?
14. In verse 6 Jesus asks the man if he wants to be healed. Why did He do this?
15. Can there be fear in freedom, causing us to want to remain in or go back into bondage?

Read John 5:7-10

16. After Jesus heals the man, the Jews were critical of Jesus for healing on the Sabbath. How ridiculous is it that they responded like this?
17. How can we sometimes do the same thing when a sinner turns to Christ?

Read John 5:11-17

18. What is Jesus communicating to this man?
19. What is worse than not walking for 40 years?
20. Jesus corrects their understanding of the Sabbath. What do we learn from Jesus about the Sabbath?
21. What are some wrong ways we view the Sabbath Day?
22. Why does Jesus heal on the Sabbath?

Read Revelation 21:1-5

23. According to these verses, what is the Sabbath rest of God like?

Wrapping Up...**Read John 5:18**

24. God uses their sin to bring about good. How was this all apart of God's grand plan to sacrifice His Son for us?
25. Share some ways this passage has encouraged and helped you.