

What's Next? Jesus, the Only Way to Heaven

John 5: 16 - 30

Hook:

Who are the hardest people for you to love on, reach out to, or care for? Why do you think that is?

Head:

What is the setting of this passage?

How long had the man been an invalid?

What did Jesus ask him? What are your thoughts on this interesting question?

What day does this healing take place? Why is this important?

How did the religious leaders respond to this incredible healing?

Jesus tells the man to stop sinning (v. 14). What does this command tell us about the human condition?

What are some ways (v. 19 - 30) that Jesus claims to be equal with the Father? (i.e. What were Steve's three main points?)

Heart:

If you were a religious leader, why would you be upset?

Have your priorities and principles ever made it difficult for you to see someone in need?

Some people say that Jesus never claimed to be God. How does this passage teach otherwise?

Has God ever intervened in your life in a special or miraculous way? If so, tell your group about it.

The Pool of Bethesda was also called the House of Mercy. While Jesus shows mercy to this man, there is little evidence that the "church people" show much mercy. Talk about some of the ways we, as followers of Jesus, can make sure we represent His name, His Kingdom, and His church well.

Hands:

John 5: 24 is such a powerful verse. Write it down and memorize it this week.

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