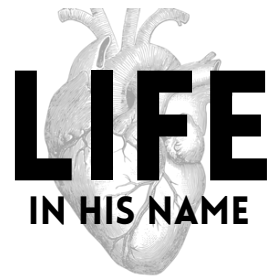


# GROWTH GUIDE

Do You Want to be Healed? | John 5:1-18

Week of 11/12/2023



## SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: I can respond to the heart of the Father through the work of the son.

- 1) Jesus has great concern for human hearts. John 5:1-9
- 2) Jesus has little concern for human laws. John 5:9-16
- 3) Jesus's concern shows us the heart of the Father. John 5:14-18

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Looking back at the passage, what stood out to you, was helpful, or challenged you? What questions do you have?

2) What is Jesus trying to get at by asking a man who's been invalid for 38 years if he wants to be healed? What should that get at in our own hearts?

3) What is the heart of the Father? How should we respond to the heart of the father?

4) Give examples of extra "laws" we create or add that aren't strictly Scripture from either your life or that you've seen in churches like ours. Why did we create those specific rules? How do these examples get in the way of following the law of Christ (if at all)?

5) What's the balance between breaking human law like Jesus breaking the Jewish Sabbath laws and passages like Romans 13:1-7 or Jesus's own teaching in Mark 12:13-17 about submitting to governing authorities?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1) Do you see ways you're caught up in your own keeping of the law or ways you've created your own laws that distracts you from what God is doing around you? What needs to change?

2) Can you say with confidence that your Bible is an accurate copy of God's word? Why or why not?

## POINTS FOR PRAYER

- We would be willing to challenge cultural norms and traditions to better follow Christ
- To respond to the heart of the Father through the work of the Son in our daily lives
- Wisdom and discernment to navigate the tension between societal norms (even church culture norms) and the higher calling of God's word.

