



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 5:10-18 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. What did the man Jesus healed say after the religious leaders told him that it was unlawful for him to carry his mat on the Sabbath?

He just said he was following orders: “The man who made me well said to me, “Take up your mat and walk”” (John 5:11).

2. Why did the healed man not know who had healed him?

He had been bedridden for thirty-eight years and had never seen Jesus before Jesus healed him, and after healing him Jesus disappeared in the crowd.

3. Do you think the religious leaders believed that Jesus had healed the man? Why or why not?

Yes. Their only concern was Jesus had healed the man on the Sabbath and had broken their laws and traditions on how to honor the Sabbath. They did not dispute that the man had been made well, and if they asked those at the pool, they would have corroborated the man's story that he had been sick and now he was well.

4. When Jesus found the man He had healed in the temple, what did He say to him? What lessons might His words teach us that we can apply?

In John 5: 14, Jesus told him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." We learn that some sicknesses are caused by or the result of sin (but not all). We learn that if someone refuses to repent (turn from) of their sins that something worse might happen to them. We can help people who think or say that a person's sickness must be the result of their sinning and those who say that sinning never hurts the one who sins.

5. Why did the religious leaders persecute Jesus and want to kill Him?

1. Jesus healed on the Sabbath. 2. Jesus called God His own Father. 3. Jesus made himself equal to God.