

# **“Closer Walk” Bible Study**

## **The Gospel Of John Chapter 4:43-5:15**

**Purpose:** To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. When you were a child, what was the most serious illness or injury you ever had?
2. When you get sick, what are you like: Oscar the Grouch? Superman? Rip Van Winkle?

Getting us into Scripture

3. Now that Jesus is home again, what motivates the people to welcome him?
4. How do you account for the contrast between the crowd's welcome (v. 45) and Jesus' comments in verses 44 and 48? How are the Galileans alike and unlike the Samaritans in verses 39-42?
5. What motivates the royal official to travel so far? How would you have responded to what Jesus told him to do? What does this miracle tell you about Jesus?
6. How do you picture the setting of this story (vv.2-4)? What is the smell? The noises? The atmosphere?
7. How would you picture the invalid (vv. 5-7)? What does Jesus mean by his question in verse 6? What did the invalid hope Jesus might do?
8. As the invalid, what would you feel in verses 8-9? As the invalid, what would you feel in verses 10-13? In verse 14?
9. Why were the leaders so upset? How do you suppose they responded to the healed man's testimony (v. 15)?

Getting Scripture into us

10. When you bring your problem to God (such as a sickness in the family), do you tend to accept his word or keep fretting and fussing?
11. When have you taken God at his word (even though the circumstances were seemingly impossible), and discovered that he did exactly what was promised?
12. In what ways do people today try to be healed without Christ?
13. How would you respond to someone who said all sickness is a result of sin?
14. Why would Jesus ask, "Do you want to get well"? Describe a time when you would have said "No." How about "Yes"?