

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

The Gospel Of John Chapter 5:16-47

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. As you got older, did you find yourself becoming more, or less, like your parents? Why?
2. Whom do you still admire today who was a hero to you as a child? Who was a hero who turned out to be a disappointment?

Getting us into Scripture

3. What was the result for Jesus of healing the invalid (vv. 1-15)?
4. How did his response to the Jewish leaders only heighten their opposition? Why would Jesus do this?
5. In what ways is Jesus equal with the Father (vv. 26-27)? What terms are used to show the kind of relationship between the two?
6. What claims does Jesus make about himself in verse 24? What is the promise?
7. What happens to those who hear and believe (vv. 24-30)? To those who do not?
8. How would you describe the business that God the Father and God the Son are in?
9. Who or what testifies in favor of Jesus (v. 33)? How do you think the religious leaders felt when Jesus referred to these witnesses (already discounted by the authorities)?
10. How does Jesus refute the religious leaders with their own scripture?

Getting Scripture into us

11. If you had to explain to someone what verse 24 means in your own words, how would you put it?
12. In your own spiritual journey, when did you come to understand this truth? How did it affect your self-image? Your lifestyle? Your life goals?
13. What witnesses have convinced you that Jesus is indeed the one who gives life?
14. Have you ever seen anyone put the study of the Scriptures before their love for Christ? Have you ever done this?
15. Is the love of God in your heart? How can you use Scripture to cultivate the love of God in you?