

John 4:43-5:15

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## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. John tells us that the Galileans warmly welcomed Jesus because of what they'd seen Him do (4:45 cf. 2:23). In their excitement to see Jesus do signs, what were they neglecting to understand and believe about Jesus and themselves? Why does this matter?
2. John makes two statements regarding the official's faith: he "believed the word that Jesus spoke to him" (v. 50) and "he himself believed, and all his household" (v. 53). Was John being redundant or was he pointing out two separate realities, that each time something different was being believed?
3. There is no indication in 5:1-15 that the man sought Jesus' help? Why did Jesus heal him, especially when it appears that he wasn't grateful and had been a great sinner? Why did Jesus heal him on the Sabbath?
4. Did the Jewish law regarding the Sabbath require that no healings were to be done on the Sabbath? How would you describe the reason for the Jewish response in John 5:9b-15 and John 1:11.
5. What do these verses reveal to us about Jesus? Here are a couple examples: John tells us these two healings were the result of Jesus' spoken word. Furthermore, neither man "deserved" this mercy (the official was rebuked for his lack of faith and the invalid didn't demonstrate loyalty to Jesus). Discuss any other truths you learned about Jesus.