

JOHN 5 - Read through the chapter and summarize each paragraph division.

Verses	Summary
1-15	
16-23	
24-30	
31-47	

1. The city of Jerusalem is surrounded by a high, thick wall. This wall was built for protection from enemy attack. There were several gates in the wall so the people could enter and exit the city. One of the gates was called the *Sheep Gate*, which was used for the livestock. Near this gate was a pool, known as *Bethesda*. According to John 5:3 and 4, why did sick people go to this pool?
2. *Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years* (John 5:5). What was this man's dilemma? (verse 7)
3. Jesus responded to the man in a way that he probably did not expect. What did Jesus say to him? (verse 8)

- a. Jesus frequently provides a solution we have not considered because we have limited ourselves by fear, worry, unforgiveness, or doubt, or simply our own conditioned, restricted thinking. Look up the following Scriptures and share how they encourage us to look beyond our own understanding:

Psalm 147:5

Isaiah 40:28

Isaiah 55:9

Romans 11:33,34

4. Although the man with the infirmity had been healed, the Jews were not rejoicing in this great miracle (John 5:10). Why do you think some people care more about keeping certain rules than they do about developing a meaningful relationship with Jesus?
 - a. Some people view Christianity as a long list of “do’s” and “don’ts”. How would you describe Christianity?
5. According to John 5:16,18, why did the Jews persecute Jesus and seek to kill Him?
 - a. Jesus was not evasive about Who He was. Scan through verses 16-30 and list the claims Jesus made about Himself.
6. Consider John 5:30. When is it most difficult for you to *seek the will of the Father*?
7. Jesus stated in John 5:31, *If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true*. John 5:31-47 reveals four witnesses to the deity of Jesus Christ. According to the following verses, who/what were they?
 - a. John 5:33-35
 - b. John 5:36
 - c. John 5:37,38
 - d. John 5:39
8. It is important to not simply know the Bible, but to know the One of Whom the Bible teaches. What are some things we can do to be sure our walk with God is relational rather than intellectual?
9. Share something from this study that has impressed you about Jesus.