

JOHN 5 REFLECTION GUIDE

1. Were you pretty healthy as a child or did you suffer some major illnesses?
2. How long had the paralytic been suffering with his affliction?
3. Why do you think Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be healed?" Can you name some secondary gains that may tempt one to prefer illness to healing?
4. What was the paralytic's excuse for not getting well?
5. What is the sin that the religious leaders point out when they see the man walking? How does he respond to their accusation?
6. When Jesus found him at the temple and said, "Stop sinning" (verse 14), what do you think Jesus meant by sin? What do verses 14 and 15 reveal about the man Jesus healed?

7. According to verses 16-18, why were the religious leaders intent on killing Jesus?

8. What is the relationship between God the Father and God the Son? How would you describe the business that God the Father and God the Son are in?

9. How does Jesus describe John the Baptist? Why is this an apt metaphor for John's ministry?

10. Name two other even weightier witnesses to Jesus' divine Sonship? See verses 36-40.

11. Why is it so hard for the religious leaders to accept Jesus' authority? See verses 41-44.

12. How can the study of scripture help to cultivate "the love of God in your heart"?