

KNOWING THE TRUTH**Life through Jesus****John 4:43—5:30**

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” John 5:24

1. Read John 4:43–54. What does the official ask Jesus to do? What does Jesus do? How do we know that the official believes Jesus?
2. What does this second miraculous sign (vs. 54) teach about prayer? About faith? How do you respond when God’s answer to your prayer is different from what you ask for?
3. If you are comfortable doing so, share with your group a prayer that you need to trust God for. How would your life and/or heart attitude be different if you took Jesus at his word?
4. Read John 5:1–18. Describe where in Jerusalem Jesus goes. What kind of people does Jesus find there?
5. Describe the man that Jesus speaks to. What has this man’s life been like? What evidence do you see that his sickness is not merely physical? (See especially vss. 6, 7, and 14.)
6. What does Jesus ask the man to do first? Is he obedient?
7. From the study of John so far, how have you been challenged to obedience? If you feel comfortable share this with your group.

8. Give two reasons why the “Jews” now seek to kill Jesus. (vs. 16–18).

9. Try to put verse 17 into your own words. Explain how this is an answer to the Jews’ first accusation (vs. 16).

10. Read John 5:16–30 and list several phrases that describe the relationship between Jesus and his Father.

11. From verse 24, what must a person do to know that he has eternal life? What words of Jesus do you need to believe in today?

12. Look at verses 17–30. Pick out a phrase that impresses you most about each of the following: Jesus’ inner life, Jesus’ power, the honor that belongs to him