



BIKER BIBLE TALK (BBT) AGENDA

TOPIC: John 5

BEFORE YOU ATTEND THE NEXT BIKER BIBLE TALK (BBT) MEETING ...

Pray: For your group leaders and for others in your BBT group. Also remember to pray for the ministry team at the Biker Bible Institute.

Read: John 5

Focus: On the story of the woman at the well (John 5:1-15):

1 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. **2** Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. **3** Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. **[4] 5** One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” **9** At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, **10** and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

11 But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

12 So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” **15** The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Review: The Supporting Scripture passages below:

- [Acts 27:43, NIV] But the centurion wanted to spare Paul’s life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land.
- [Zech 13:1, NIV] On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.
- [Exod 20:8, NIV] Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- [Jer 17:21, NIV] This is what the LORD says: Be careful not to carry a load on the Sabbath day or bring it through the gates of Jerusalem.
- [Neh 13:15, NIV] In those days I saw people in Judah treading wine presses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day.
- [Matt 12:8, NIV] For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.

Reflect: Each Support Scripture passage was selected because it connects to something that is going on in the Focal (Focus) Scripture passage. Reflect on possible connections and pray about deeper meanings for this special story.

AT THE BBT MEETING ...

Social: Start with fellowship. If possible, set aside 30-60 minutes for a meal together or heavy snacks in someone’s home. Enjoy being friends together!

Pray: Open together with prayer. Remember to pray for needs in your community.

Read: The Focal Scripture (John 5:1-15).

Talk: Talk about the Focal Scripture.

- What was going on? What are the key points of the story?
- Did anything stand out in this passage?
- What would someone remember after reading it?

Talk: About the questions for this session.

Observation

- What is (are) the central thought(s) in John 5?
- Are there any words or ideas that keep coming up in the passage?
- Who is (are) the main characters in the passage?

Interpretation

- What do you think this Scripture passage meant to the early church?
- What was the writer trying to tell the world about Jesus?
- Are there any eternal truths for us in this passage? Explain.

Application

- How might this passage apply to us today?
- Does this passage speak to any needs or problems in modern society?
- Is there any part of this passage we could turn into a prayer?

Reflect: Standard Discipleship Questions: “Based on what we read and talked about...”

- “What should I start doing in my life?”
- “What should I stop doing in my life?”
- “What should I change in my life?”

Look: Ahead to the next BBT session (John 6).

Pray: For each other, your community and your leaders, the BBI ministry team, and the peace of Jerusalem.

AFTER THE BBT MEETING ...

Act: On your insights from the “Discipleship Questions.” Pray about ways you might start, stop, or change doing something in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Invite: Someone new to your next BBT group.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who ride (*walk*) on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. (Isa 35:8, NIV)

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