

“Walking in Wholeness” Group Study

Signs of Life: **Week 2**

Passage: John 5:1-18

Pastor Ryan Paulson

ICEBREAKER:

1. Share some of your favorite family traditions.
2. What song or artist reminds you of summer?

As a way to get into the study, try to remember the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

(In case you get stuck, click this link for the filled in outline: [Walking in Wholeness - outline](#))

Jesus dismantles _____ so he can lead us to _____.

1. _____
2. _____

The healing wasn't only about the _____, it was about the _____.



Discover the Way of Jesus

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

3. Read Proverbs 13:12. How does hope in the wrong things bring about disillusionment and discouragement?
4. Ryan notes, “Jesus didn’t have a lot of respect for tradition, but He had immense reverence for Scripture.” Compare this statement with what Paul wrote in Colossians 2:8 and discuss the dangers of placing human tradition over the authority of Scripture.



Develop the Heart of Jesus

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

5. In what ways does a victim mentality hinder spiritual growth and maturity?
6. Describe how ongoing struggles can cause us to lose hope.
7. The worst part of making excuses is that you eventually start to believe them. What excuses do you need to put away so that you can walk by faith?



Live on Mission with Jesus

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

8. Have you been baptized? If not, on Wednesday, July 5th determine to make an outward demonstration of your inward faith.
9. What are some other ways this week you or your group can publicly declare your faith?

Church Announcements & Info:

All Church Beach Day!

Wednesday, July 5, at Oceanside Harbor near lifeguard tower #16. We'll enjoy a BBQ dinner at 6pm and a time of prayer and worship at 7pm (and baptisms for anyone who wishes to be baptized). If you'd be willing help serve people at this event, please click here to find out how you can help: <https://efcc.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/35/public>

VBS Volunteers & Snack Donations

→ ***Needed by Sunday, July 9 for our VBS week (July 17-21)***

We're still seeking volunteers for our Camp Kilimanjaro week of VBS from July 17-21. Sign up to help be a small group leader or other role. Also, many snack donations are needed. Click this link for more details: <https://www.efcc.org/event/faithkids-vbs/>