Lesson 9 John 5:1-18 Discussion questions

1. Where did this sheep gate come from? *It was put in when Nehemiah rebuilt the walls*

1. What do you make of the verses that tell of the angel coming and stirring the water? *God said it I believe it*
2. Were these verses legitimately part of the original text of Scripture? Why do you think so? Why not? *No, the commentary says they were added later, The NIV doesn’t have them, but the KJV does*
3. What kind of sickness did this man likely have? *Some type of polio or maybe a nerve disease either way Jesus healed him*

*Second part.*

1. Why did Jesus ask him if he wished to get well? Isn’t that an obvious question? Why is this question important/necessary? *It was his responsibility to choose, if he rejected Jesus offer the responsibility was on him, if he accepted the credit went to Jesus*

1. Does verse 7 shed any light on 3-4? What did this man appear to believe about the water? *He had seen others being healed by the water but was unable to get to it quickly enough on his own*
2. Which was the more important aspect of Jesus’ command to this man, to get up and walk or to carry his pallet? *To pick up his pallet*

1. Was Jesus giving him a command that was in violation of the law? *He wanted to show that his compassion*
2. Why were the Jews so upset about this? *He had healed on the Sabath in direct opposition of their belief of Gods law and saw him as a man not the Messiah*
3. Which aspect of Jesus’ command did they focus on? *The pickup the pallet and work on the Sabath*
4. Why did Jesus slip away from him when he healed him? To hide the fact that He gave him a bad command? *He had already dealt with the Pharisees on the work done on the Sabeth, and showed how they too had broken that command*
5. What could people do and not do on the Sabbath according to Jewish law? *No work was allowed and they could only travel a short way*
6. Was Jesus a Sabbath breaker? *Yes, but said that God was working and He was as well*
7. What do we learn in verse 14 about Jesus’ motive for healing and the next logical step? *In healing him Jesus had set the man up for salvation, IF he chose it*
8. What is the “worse” thing that could befall him if he didn’t stop sinning? *Eternal separation from God*
9. Why did the Jews think that Jesus was making Himself equal to God? Was He? *He was telling them that God was his father*
10. Isn’t Jesus our Father too? *Jesus it our Lord, But is part of the trinity, ??*
11. Why were they persecuting Him? *He was calling God His own father, making himself equal with Him*
12. What does this sign teach us about Jesus? *Jesus can healing use but we make the decision on salvation*