

## TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures

*"Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 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. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 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?" "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." Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath." (John 5:1-10, NIV)*

*"So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God." (John 5:16-18, NIV)*

*"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life." (John 5:24, NIV)*

### Key Points

What we need to know  
Because Jesus is God there is no one greater to follow.

What is one step I can take?  
Be thankful that Jesus is God and can be trusted to lead my life.

### John 5:1-47

Start talking. Find a conversation starter.

- Describe how you react to authority.

Start thinking. Ask a question to get thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Why do you think the religious leaders were so threatened by Jesus?
- From the passage what do you learn about the authority of Jesus?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What could or should it mean for your life to come under the authority of Jesus?
- How do you respond to following Jesus as your "Top Model?" How will your life look different?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, thank you for sending your son to save me from my sins and give me new life. No other authority could have done that. Thankyou for freeing me to cross over from death to life. Help me to live in that freedom.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start the *Jesus Revealed* Bible Plan With Friends: <https://tinyurl.com/hckfppdz>
- Consider how you could love others by serving at Westwood or in our community.