

11am Bible Study:

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Topic: Will We Help Those In Lifestyles of Sin?

Series Title: How to Have Eternal Life

Chapters: John 5:1-15 **Aug. 26, 2026**

Key Verse: John 5:7a, NKJV, 7a The sick man answered Him, “*Sir, **I have no man to put me into the pool** when the water is stirred up;*”

Trouble tied to Sins - 1 Cor. 11:27-32; Trouble not tied to Sins Luke 13:1-5, John 9:1-3

How would the Messiah be recognized? Isaiah 35:1-6, Matt. 11:1-5

Intro: _____

How can we help those in lifestyles of sin?

1. Take Time To See Them and Know Them - John 5:6a

Ken Calwell, CEO of Come Near, notes, “To love and serve our neighbor, we first must know who they are, then understand what they need and why they need it.” (Barna Group. Engaging with the Spiritually Open)

Question for Dialogue: Ladies, who has taken the time recently to “really” **see you and disciple you**? Brothers, who has taken the time to “really” **see you and disciple you**? Hagar, in a tough spot, on the run without resources, after being helped by God in Genesis 16:13, said, “***You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, “Have I also here seen Him who sees me?”***” After despairing for her son, thinking he would die due to lack of resources, she was once again visited by God. Genesis 21:15-19. Sometimes its hard to “really” see others, because we feel like we haven’t been “seen.” Too many of us are walking alone in our spiritual journey. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, join our disciple-making training next year when it is offered. **Who needs to be seen by you, helped by you, and discipled by you?**

2. Give the Transforming Offer of Salvation - John 5:6b

- While Jesus offered physical healing, he offered life change as well (v.14)

Question for Dialogue: Jesus wanted to make people fishers of men. In fishing, you use a hook. Any good fisherman knows you don’t yank back on a pole and start reeling in a rod as soon as the line, hook, and bait enter the water. You have to begin to feel the fish nibbling on the bait, which is why you need a straight and tense line. Once the fish commits, then you pull back/set the hook, which allows you to catch the fish. Pulling back and setting the hook is done spiritually by extending an offer for the person you’re discipling to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Once you make the offer, you get to watch the Holy Spirit go to work. **For anyone in here saved as an adult, or made a recommitment to Christ as an adult, who was the person who extended an offer to you to accept Christ or recommit/fully commit to him as your Savior?**

3. Don't Judge Them for Their Explanation Surrounding Their Current Condition; See the Need – John 5:7

- Everyone has a root reality that led to their current condition, both physically and spiritually
 - He needed someone to help him into the pool, **BUT NO MAN/WOMAN** helped him
 - Sadly, they can't say that they didn't know how to help the man
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Question for Dialogue: *What are some of the reasons Christians give* for not doing the behind the scenes/unseen work of discipling hurting people to salvation, and discipling them to spiritual growth and their purpose as fishers of men, once they're saved?

4. Have Compassion and Explain What They Must Do for Healing & to Stay Healed - John 5:8 & 14

- Repent and Stay Repentant
 - In order for us to help someone spiritually, they must be *A.F.T.R. Jesus [available, faithful, teachable, reliable]* (*The Disciple-Maker's Handbook, Harrington, pg.50.*)
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Question for Dialogue: Have you ever could not help someone because they were not available, faithful, teachable, and reliable?

5. Experience and Share the Joy of Their Transformed Life - John 5:9

- Repent and Stay Repentant
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Question for Dialogue: *When was the last time you experienced the joy of someone being born again and transformed?* They can't be left alone; they will need you now more than ever.

6. Selfless Love Can Transform Lives, but Self-Righteous Religion Destroys Lives - John 5:9b-16

- Matthew 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. *These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.*
 - They never lifted a finger to help the sinful man at the pool. *This is why Jesus said Matt. 11:28-30*
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Question for Dialogue: What is the underlying issue when religious practices become greater than the people that need to be served?
