

**Leader/Host Guide* for John 5:1-47 Jesus Heals on the Sabbath Week following
Nov 19,20, 2011**

*(please read the additional descriptions, instructions and notes on the yellow sample session format pages)

I. Gather, Nametags, Welcome and Icebreaker

Icebreaker suggestion:

Being Thanksgiving week, we have a great reminder to always be thankful. We don't know the details of why the man by the pool did not thank Jesus for healing him. If you could go back and thank someone who would it be?

(A teacher, co-worker, friend, stranger, etc.)

II. Opening Prayer

God of Mercy and Strength,

We praise and thank you for the love you shower upon your children. We are humbled that you do not give us the punishment we deserve, but you give us the life and forgiveness we don't deserve. All praise and power be to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Amen

III. Bible, Sermon, Text Messages (Reflection Questions) and Faith in Action Discussion

IV. Memory/ Focus Verse Review

V. Wrap up and Looking Ahead

VI. Closing Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Father God,

Your ways are amazing. We praise you for the love, mercy and grace you freely give us. Forgive us when we, like the man by the pool are seemingly misguided by your generosity. Help us to realize and receive the gift we have in you. Guide us into your perfect will for our lives.

In Jesus' holy name,

Amen

VII. Adjourn

