



HILLCREST

LIFE GROUPS

Sermon Discussion Guide

Life in the House of Grace

John 5:1-15

Sunday, March 28, 2021

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Get to Know You

What are your favorite Easter activities/memories?

Study the Book

Read John 5:1-15

Serve faithfully like Jesus.

What is something that irritates you as you work with people?

How do you irritate people what work with you?

How did Jesus serve others despite their attitude/actions toward Him?

What are some ways believers can stay motivated to love and serve others despite their negative attitudes/actions toward us?

Stand faithfully with Jesus.

How did Pastor Tom explain Jesus' statement, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you?"

What are some challenges believers face in standing for Jesus?

Read John 9:1-38

What are some similarities between John 5 & John 9?

What are some differences between John 5 & John 9?

Thank you for the healing you gave me. The deeper healing. Oh, God, you were so wise in not giving me a physical healing. Because that "no" has meant "yes" to a stronger faith in you, a deeper prayer life, and a greater understanding of your word. It has purged sin from my life, forced me to depend on your grace, and increased my compassion for others who hurt. It has stretched my hope, given me a lively, buoyant trust in you, stirred an excitement about heaven, and pushed me to give thanks in times of sorrow. It has increased my faith and helped me to love you more, Jesus.

Joni Eareckson Tada

Group Application and Discussion

Do you think it was easy or hard for Joni to come to pray the prayer she did on the previous page?

What makes it easier to have this perspective? What make it hard to have this perspective?

Personal Reflection and Application

Would you be more likely to respond like the paralyzed man in John 5 or the blind man in John 9 if you faced the risk of ostracism for your faith?