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## ***There and Then: Here and Now***

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study\*: *my LOG vs others SPECK*

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| <b>S</b> — Is there a <i>sin</i> for me to avoid or confess?   | Are there <i>principles</i> to guide? |
| <b>P</b> — Is there a <i>promise</i> from God for me to claim?                                       | Are there <i>warnings</i> to heed?    |
| <b>E</b> — is there an <i>example</i> for me to follow?  | Are there <i>attitudes</i> to adopt?  |
| <b>C</b> — Is there a <i>command</i> for me to obey?   | Are there <i>actions</i> to take?     |
| <b>K</b> — How can this passage increase my <i>knowledge</i> about God / Jesus Christ / Holy Spirit? |                                       |

Use this area to write down any thoughts you may have and to develop an action plan for implementing them into your life.

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\* *Navigator Bible Study Handbook* (with additions) & Matthew 7:1-5.

## **Who is Jesus? – The Gospel of John**

### **Chapter 4**

#### *4:1-6 – Jesus Travels to Galilee*

- Jesus returns to Galilee by way of Sychar in Samaria (see map for location)

#### *4:7-30 – The Woman at the Well in Samaria*

- Jesus did something unexpected by the woman – v9
- “gift of God”
  - Romans 5:15-17, 6:23
  - Ephesians 2:8, 4:7
- “living water” – see discussion in verses 16-18
- Witness of the Samaritan Woman
- Salvation came from the Jews – How? v22 (Romans 1:16)
- True worship of God – not in the rituals but in the living (spirit & truth)
- Jesus' Declaration of His identity – v26
- The disciples return, the woman goes to tell the city

#### *4:31-38 – Spiritual Food & Fields Ready for Harvest*

- Jesus' food – Mat 4:1-11; Mar 1:12-13; Luk 4:1-13
- Field ready for Harvest – refer back to verses 29-30
- Who labored prior to the disciples reaping?<sup>1</sup> – see 1Co 3:5-7, 12:21-24
  1. The Prophets → The Scriptures
  2. Teachers among the Jews
  3. John the Baptist
  4. Jesus
    - “Very few souls are ever saved through the ministry of a single person. Most people have heard the gospel many times before they ever accept the Savior. Therefore, the one who finally leads a person to Christ should not exalt himself as if he were the only instrument God used in this marvelous work.”<sup>2</sup>

#### *4:39-42 – Jesus Spends Time in Samaria*

- Many believed because of the woman's words; More believed because of Jesus' words

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1 (Barnes) on John 4:38.

2 (MacDonald and Farstad) on John 4:38.

- Witness of the Samaritians

#### 4:43-45 – Travel to Galilee

- Jesus travels to Galilee
- many received Him because of the miracles in Jerusalem

#### 4:46-54 – Jesus Heals a Royal Official's Son

- Jesus was in Cana and the royal official's son in Capernaum
- royal official: probably a Jew employed by Herod Antipas<sup>3</sup> – 4:48; 1Co 1:21-24
- **Joh 4:50** Jesus \*said to him, "Go; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off.
- **Joh 4:53** So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives"; and he himself believed and his whole household.
- Second sign – from Judea into Galilee – refer back to 4:43-45 & 4:46

## Chapter 5

### 5:1-17 – Jesus Heals @ Bethesda on a Sabbath

- Bethesda = house of mercy – St. Anne's Church in Jerusalem<sup>4</sup>
- Healing on the Sabbath –
  - *Barnes*<sup>5</sup> – "The Jews extended the obligation of the Sabbath beyond what was intended by the appointment. They observed it superstitiously, and Jesus took every opportunity to convince them of their error, and to restore the day to its proper observance, **Mat 12:6-11**; **Luk 6:9**; **Luk 13:14**; **Luk 14:5**. This method he took to show them what the law of God really "permitted" on that day, and that works of necessity and mercy were lawful."
- "stop sinning or something worse will happen" – v14
  - *Believer's Bible Commentary*<sup>6</sup> – "It seems clear that the man's sickness had originally come to him as a result of some sin in his life. This is not true of all sickness. Many times illness in a person's life has no direct connection with any sin he has committed. Infants, for instance, may be sick before they are old enough to sin knowingly. **'Sin no more,'** said Jesus, expressing God's standard of holiness. If He had said, "Sin as little as possible," He would not have been God. God cannot condone sin in any degree. Then the warning was added,

<sup>3</sup> (Hendriksen) on John 4:46-54.

<sup>4</sup> (Walton et al.; MacDonald and Farstad; Wiersbe) on John 5:2.

<sup>5</sup> (Barnes) on John 5:9.

<sup>6</sup> (MacDonald and Farstad) on John 5:14.

**'lest a worse thing come upon you.'** The Lord did not indicate what He meant by a worse thing.

The Lord did not indicate what He meant by a worse thing. However, He doubtless intended the man to understand that sin has far more terrible results than physical sickness. Those who die in their sins are condemned to eternal wrath and anguish.

It is a more serious thing to sin against grace than against law. Jesus had shown wonderful love and mercy to this man. Now it would be a poor response if he would go out and carry on in the same kind of sinful life which had originally led to his illness."

- *IVP Bible Background Commentary*<sup>7</sup> – "In the Bible sufferings were sometimes (not always—cf. **Joh 9:2-3**; e.g., **2Sa 4:4**; **1Ki 14:4**; **2Ki 13:14**) judgment for sin (e.g., **1Ki 13:4**; **2Ki 1:4**; **2Ch 16:12**). Jesus warns of greater judgment here—the resurrection for judgment (cf. **Joh 5:29**)."

### 5:18-47 – Jesus' Deity is Testified of by Witnesses

- Father and Son in unison
- Future Judgment by the Son
  - good deeds → resurrection of life
  - evil deeds → resurrection of judgment
- Witnesses
  - John the Baptist
  - Works – Miracles
  - Father
  - Scripture

<sup>7</sup> (Walton et al.) on John 5:14.