

Get Up and Go

OPENING QUESTION

What is something you've done the past 38 years (or your whole life)?
What's something you haven't done for 38 years (or your whole life)?

READ **John 5:1-47.**

1. If Jesus asked you, "Would you like to get well?" what would be your response?

- A. Yes.
- B. No.
- C. I can't.
- D. I'm not sick.
- E. Nobody will help me.
- F. I haven't seen any miracles for quite a while.
- G. I'm not sick, but I know quite a few people who are.
- H. Let me pray about it.
- I. Other.

2. What did Jesus do "wrong" on this particular Sabbath?

- A. Nothing.
- B. He healed someone.
- C. He healed someone and it wasn't an emergency (ox in the ditch).
- D. Compelled another person to break an established Sabbath rule.
- E. Stopped by Starbucks on the way to church.
- F. Claimed to be God.
- G. Challenged the religious establishment of his day.
- H. Other.

3. When Jesus said believers will never be condemned and have passed from death to life, what did he mean (vs. 24)?

- A. Only the wicked are judged; the righteous aren't judged.
- B. Everyone must stand before the judgment seat of God.
- C. Believers trust Christ's promise to take their judgment on himself.
- D. You won't know if you're really a believer until the Judgment.
- E. For a believer in Christ, eternal life has already begun.
- F. No one ever judges; therefore no one will ever be judged.
- G. Believers have already died, so death isn't in their future.
- H. Other.

4. What gives Jesus the right to judge others?

- A. Jesus doesn't judge; only God does.
- B. Jesus is God.
- C. God the Father gives Jesus the answers.
- D. Jesus reads motives in addition to behavior—he knows what's inside.
- E. They judge Jesus, so Jesus has the right to judge them.
- F. He has the testimony of at least two witnesses.
- G. No judging happens until the final Judgment Day.
- H. Other.

5. How can a person study the Bible and miss Jesus?

- A. By using their head, but not their heart.
- B. When you think you know it all, you miss a lot.
- C. It's like missing the forest because you're looking at trees.
- D. Being stuck in one's ways.
- E. Not having God's perspective or power (see *Luke 24:16, 31*).
- F. By not studying the right version of the Bible.
- G. Putting God in a box, and then guarding the box.
- H. Other.

6. What had Moses written about Jesus (see vs. 45)?

- A. That Jesus would be born of a virgin.
- B. Most of the Psalms.
- C. There would be someone like Moses coming later (*Dt. 18:15, 18*).
- D. Both would give God's messages from a mountain.
- E. Everything Moses wrote actually came from Jesus.
- F. The entire sacrificial system.
- G. God is here—he was present in the sanctuary, the cloud, the manna, the miracles.
- H. Other.

7. What is something Jesus might ask you to do, and you think there's absolutely no way you can do it right now?

9. Write your paraphrase of vs. 39-40. How could this happen?