

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from July 24-25, 2004

"The Initial Investigation"

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Observing the text

Read John 5:10-15 and make as many observations as possible.

What did the Scriptures tell the Jews not to do on the Sabbath?

What was the significance of Christ telling the man not to sin anymore?

What did Christ mean when He said, "so that nothing worse will happen to you?"

Why did the man go back to the Pharisees to tell them that it was Jesus who made him well?

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Applying the sermon

Have you ever felt pressure or been confronted by a Christian who felt you needed to be conformed to his or her "laws" rather than those specifically spelled out in the Scriptures?

Have you ever pressured another believer to conform to your "laws" rather than those specifically spelled out in the Scriptures?

Have you ever found yourself evaluating your spirituality based on certain externals rather than on your personal, sincere, wholehearted devotion to God?

How would you now describe yourself? Are you simply checking off boxes, or is your behavior an outflow of your wholehearted devotion to God?