

Do You Want To Be Well?

Group Questions - *Honest to God*

John 5:1-9

Welcome & Check-In

- Where did you see God at work in your life since we last met?
- What's something you really wanted that you had to wait a long time for? Was it worth the wait?

FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection

- Read John 5:1-9 out loud as a group.
 - What words or phrases stand out to you?
 - What questions do you have?
- Why do you think Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to get well?" The answer seems obvious.
- Why do you think the man responded to Jesus' question the way he did? What does it reveal about his mindset?
- As we see in this story, the man has a part to play ("Get up"), but Jesus is the one who provides the power to heal. How do you discern the difference between what God is inviting you to do and what you need to trust him to do?
- Carrying the mat eventually gets the man in a lot of trouble (v. 12). Why do you think Jesus insists on this?

IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support

- On Sunday, Ryan talked about the process: experience pain → develop a coping strategy → settle into a way of life. Can you identify a coping strategy that has helped you deal with pain or difficulty? How has that strategy helped you, and are there ways it might also be keeping you stuck?
- Jesus presumably didn't heal many other people at the pool. In your opinion, how should we apply the principles of this story given that he healed one of many? Should we view the story as normative or in some other way?
- This story demonstrates that healing sometimes comes quickly; however, many Christians find healing and recovery to be a much slower journey. Have you grown discouraged by the lack of healing you see in any area of your life?
- If you could ask Jesus to heal one thing, what would it be and why?

ON MISSION: Next Steps

- Read John 5:10-15 (the end of the story). How does the man's healing fit into his larger journey with Jesus? Why do you think Jesus sought the man out again after healing him (vv. 14–15)? What does this reveal about Jesus' desire for us beyond simply relieving our pain?
- How might the healing and transformation Jesus is doing in your life become part of the way you love, serve, and point others toward him?

Core 4 questions:

- **What is Jesus saying to you?**
 - How do you feel about what he is saying?
 - What are you going to do in response?
 - Who will you share this with?
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- Revisit and add to your prayer list, then pray for one another.