

SERMON QUESTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

- Have you ever had a physical ailment that restricted you from your normal activities? How did that make you feel?
- Have you ever known someone in a bad situation that they didn't want to leave?
- What one point stuck out to you most from the sermon this weekend?

INTO THE BIBLE

Read **John 5:17-18**.

- How does Jesus describe himself here?
- What was the reaction of the Jewish leaders? Why?
- What does the healing of this man in John 5 ultimately point to?
 - Also read John 20:30-31.

Read **John 5:1-9**.

- Would a good Jew be found at this pool with the sick and "unclean"? Why or why not?
 - What does this tell us about Jesus and his priorities?
- What did the man know about Jesus?
- Did he ask Jesus to heal him?

APPLICATION

- What mat is Jesus calling you to get up from?
 - What is keeping you tied to your mat? Comfort? Identity? Fear? Distrust?
- Where have you been going to feel better about your circumstances instead of coming to the person of Jesus?
- What if God's plan is not to deliver you from a desperate situation, but to disciple you through it?
 - How would that impact your view of God?
 - How would that impact your view of your situation?