



Questions Jesus Asked

A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of October 12, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

John 5:1-15 Do You Want To Be Healed?

¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” ¹¹ But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” ¹² They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

- Jesus arrives at Jerusalem for a Jewish feast. What is His first stop? (1-6). Why does He do this?
- Bethesda (2) means “House of Mercy”. What is mercy?
- The man had been an “invalid for thirty-eight years” (5). What do you think his life was like? His understanding of himself and God?
- Why does Jesus ask, “Do you want to be healed?” when the man’s need seems so obvious? (6)

- Do you relate to the man’s hesitant and complicated response to Jesus? In what way?
- Why might Jesus heal the man without the pool of Bethesda? (8-9)
- Why does John (the author of this Gospel) emphasize the Sabbath in his account? (9-15)
- What does Jesus mean when he charges the man to “sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you”? (14)
- What might motivate the man to tell the leaders that Jesus had healed him?
- Why do you think Jesus chose this man out of all the sick people by the pool?
- We all want life, health, and peace. And we all have sinful and broken ways we try to secure those things. What strategy do you tend to employ to get the things that God only gives by grace?
- What is one surprising way Jesus has freed you in your life?
- Pray together in light of this week’s passage.

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