DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Read John 5:1-8.** What are some of the excuses this man gave Jesus when he was asked “do you want to get well”? If you are honest, what are some of the excuses you give God when he calls you? Do you think that excuse gets you off the hook for what God has planned for you? Explain.

2. What may be an area in your life that you may be stuck in right now? What is causing you to be stuck? What leap of faith is he asking you to take recently?

3. We looked at our need to understand that Jesus sees you and loves you. What must it have been like to be one of the unhealed people that Jesus stepped over to get to this lame man? What emotions would you feel if your friend was healed and you remained behind at the pool?

4. What does it feel like when your prayers aren’t answered the way you hoped? How does it feel when others receive their miracle & you are still waiting? Do you ever wonder if Jesus sees you? Do you wonder if He notices your lame condition? Do you doubt that he knows how long you have been stuck in your circumstance? What is the miracle you have been asking for Jesus to do for you?

5. **Read John 5:9-15.** Jesus commanded this man to “stop sinning or something worse will happen to you.” He didn’t want him to return to his old ways or to his sin. What are the old ways that are so easy for you to slip back into? What will it take for you to leave your old ways behind and follow Jesus?

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation: The old has gone, the new has come!*  
2 Corinthians 5:17