



“Hanging at the Pool with Jesus”

Possible Series

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John 5:1-5

Everyone in the world is **HANDICAPPED** in one way or another!

John 5:6

Exodus 15:26

2 questions:

1) How **BIG** is your God?

- John 5:7
- Psalm 33: 6-7, 9

2) What is God **TELLING** you to do?

- John 5:8-9
- **OBEDIENCE** precedes the **MIRACULOUS**.
- John 10:27
- What is God telling you to do?
 - Not what is He **ASKING** you to do, but what is He **TELLING** you to do?

Take-Away: Do you **REALLY** want to get well?

C3 Group Questions

Accountability: Were you at church on Sunday to grow & learn? Did you read/listen to the Bible & pray this week on a regular basis? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker: When you were a child, what was the home remedy for a cold?

Review: What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

Group Discussion:

Read John 5:1-9

How long had the lame man been in this condition? What reasons did he give for not being healed? Was his faith in God or in his ability to get into the pool?

Why do you think Jesus asked him if he wanted to be healed? How would this man's life change once he was able to walk?

What did Jesus ask the man to do? What do you think went thru the lame man's mind & emotions before he obeyed? Was he healed before or after he obeyed? How is our obedience the evidence of true faith?

What is the handicap in my life that no one can see? Does my spiritual handicap relate more to being blind (to truth, purpose, sin), lame (wounded, broken, bitter), or paralyzed (apathetic, frozen, stuck, addicted)?

Do I suffer from the small God, BIG problems syndrome? Explain. What steps of obedience is God asking me to take?

How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

Next Steps: (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- What miracle do I want God to do in my life? What is God TELLING me to do? What steps of obedience do I need to take this week?
- This week, in order to focus on the greatness of God instead of the magnitude of my problem(s), focus on His faithfulness in the past, His promises for the future & His presence every moment.