

How do we respond to Jesus: "Do you want to be healed"?

John 5:1-9

Reasons we don't answer:

- We excuse the question.
- My questions get in the way.
- My identity is my problem.

Healing is always relational.

I am invited by Jesus into a healing relationship.

What would Jesus have you do?

Is joining a Life Group your next step? *Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today!*
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Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

What is the most amazing thing you've ever seen?

Have you ever recognized a time in your life where God gave you what you needed rather than what you wanted? Do you appreciate that gift more today than when you first received it?

Connect to God's story

Read Mark 2:1-12.

What are the questions Jesus asks in this passage?

There are three miracles that occur in the reading... Can you name them? What does Jesus think is the most important miracle for this paralyzed man to experience?

Which is more important, spiritual healing or physical healing? Why?

Read Mark 2:13-17.

Why did Levi choose to follow Jesus? Why have you chosen to follow?

Who does Levi invite to the feast? Why are so many disreputable sinners among those following Jesus? Would you feast with disreputable sinners? Could that be costly?

What insight does this give us into Jesus' disciples? Did you have your act together when Jesus called you to follow? Can people be righteous apart from God?

How can physical illness help us understand being spiritually sick? Who is it that Jesus calls? (Those who think they are righteous or those who know they are sinners?) Why is this important?

Read John 5:1-5

What is the question Jesus asked the man in this passage? Do you think people always want to be healed? Why might someone not want to be healed?

Was Jesus wanting to heal this man the way he wanted to be healed? What do you do when God's miracle doesn't fit your mold?

Would you like to get well? *Take a moment as a life group and pray for each other asking for the Lord to heal whatever He desires in whatever way He sees fit.*

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's kingdom!