



Pt. 3: Signs; A Disabled Man

Just outside of Jerusalem, Jesus performed a miracle that changed a man's life forever. For 38 years, this man was unable to walk. But when Jesus said, "Get up," the man was healed. However, it's what Jesus said after the miracle that made this it a clear sign of who he really was.

Bottom Line: Belief in Christ removes condemnation and brings eternal life.

Discussion Questions:

1. Is there a time you can remember that someone went against the rules or the norm so that you could benefit?
2. **Read John 5:1–18.** The apostle John recounts the story of Jesus healing a disabled man.
 - Picture yourself in the setting of this story. Surrounded by people who were blind, disabled, lame, and paralyzed. What noises would you hear? What would you smell? How would you feel being there?
 - Before healing him, Jesus asks the man, "Do you want to get well?" Why do you think Jesus asked him that?
 - In verse 9, notice how quickly the author (John) pivots from the miraculous healing to the fact that this happened on the Sabbath. What does this say about the main reason John captured this story? (Reference Exodus 20:8–11)
 - Verses 16–18 lay the groundwork for why religious leaders were at odds with Jesus. What do their comments tell you about their religious priorities?
3. **Read John 5:19–30.** Which one of Jesus' claims about Himself in gives you the most hope? Why? How do you think an unsaved friend might respond to Jesus' claim to deity in this passage?
4. How do sins, problems or sicknesses become such a part of our identity that we have trouble letting them go? Can you think of any areas of your own life where you are like this disabled man?
5. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
6. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.