

40 minutes April 30 Week 3 Leader Guide

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Text: John 5:1-15

- 1. Describe a situation when you needed and received help from someone. In what way did they help you and what were your feelings towards them afterwards?
- 2. Why do you think Jesus asked the man if he wanted to get well?
- 3. What are your thoughts to this phrase? We're all sick.

The sick man's response to Jesus was:

- a. Blame: it is their fault; no one puts me in the water
- b. Denial: It's not my fault; someone beats me to the water
- c. Pity: I've been here for 38 years
- 4. How have you used any of these excuses in the sickness of your life?
- 5. How would your response to Jesus be different from the sick man in the story?
- 6. What do you think the people were saying after they witnessed the healing of the sick man who was outside the pool?
- 7. Why do you think Jesus brought up the topic of sin in verse 14?

GROUP EXPERIENCES

As a group work together on a plan to complete 2-3 of the below group experiences throughout this series.

When you arrive to complete each activity spend a few minutes as a group in prayer. Invite God into the experience and pray that He would teach each group member something about himself.

- Revive Texas-Be part of this 50-day movement to hit the streets, share the gospel, and make disciples! More information at www.revivetx.org.
- Meet at a local coffee ship or restaurant: Hang out, enjoy a meal or drink together, and look for opportunities to bless people (hint: tip extravagantly!)
- Visit a local Farm: Focus on how God provides for animals and how he has uniquely created each for life on earth.
- Take a trip to your local fire department: Ask questions related to the sense of urgency to get to emergencies. Jesus felt that same urgency for each group member.
- Our Calling: serve the homeless in Dallas as part of Our Calling's search-and-rescue team. Visit www.ourcalling.org for more information.
- Visit the UTA Planetarium and watch a show
- Take a trip to the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens or Dallas Arboretum
- Prayer walk a neighborhood: Prayer-walking involves taking our prayers to the very places where we

desire to see God's presence revealed and our prayers answered.

Visit a hospital waiting room and offer to pray with families