

A Disabled Man
John 5:1-9, 14

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What are you like when you get sick? Silent sufferer? Seek pity? Mopey? Grouchy?
- *Read John 5:1-15.* How would you describe the scene at the pool? What would it look, sound, and smell like? What is the emotional atmosphere?
- What is the purpose behind Jesus' question to the man (v. 6)? What does the man's initial response reveal (v. 7)?
- What does Jesus command the man to do (v. 8)? How might this be difficult? What happens and why?
- Why do the Jewish leaders respond to the man as they do? What does their reaction reveal about the state of their hearts and their agenda?
- Why does Jesus seek out the man later (v. 14)? What invitation to healing does the man still need to hear and act upon?
- How is Jesus' healing of the man an act of grace? Where does faith come into play?
- If Jesus came to you and asked, "Do you want to get well? Do you want to be made whole?" how would you honestly answer? Why?
- How might Jesus say to you something similar to "Get up. Pick up your mat and walk"? How will you do that? How can your small group or others support and pray for you?

For Family Discussion: Talk about what it feels like when you get sick and what helps you to feel better. Read John 5:1-9, 14. Ask: *How do you think the disabled man felt after 38 years? How does he feel when Jesus asks if he wants to be well? What does Jesus do for the man? What would you like to see Jesus heal in your life, or for someone you know? Pray for healing together.*

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