

Seven: Healing at the Pool

Sermon Discussion Guide 3.9.25

Signs point the way. They direct us, warn us and inform us. Signs make clear what we cannot see. During His ministry, the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus performed 7 signs that were designed to reveal His identity as the Messiah. With each sign we are confronted with the truth about Jesus; and with each sign we are asked to make a decision about His identity and His work on the cross for us: will we believe?

Big Picture:

- Jesus' 3rd sign reveals He alone can restore what we are powerless to fix ourselves.

Getting Started

- Have you ever been shown mercy or compassion by a complete stranger?

Search the Scriptures

Have someone in your Group read **John 5:1-17**.

- What stands out to you about Jesus' interaction with the man by the pool?
- Does the man show any signs of faith in Jesus' ability to heal him?
 - i.e. he doesn't even know Jesus' name in vs. 13...
- Why are the Jews angry about this healing? What is the argument they make?
- What does Jesus say to the man when they see each other again? Why do you think he says this?

Getting Practical

- Jesus performed this miracle without any faith from the man. What does that teach us about the Jesus' mercy and the Gospel?
- This man had been an invalid for 38 years before Jesus healed him. Is there something in your life that you've been asked for Jesus to restore for a long time with no answer?
 - How does this miracle encourage you to remain steadfast?
- Jesus tells the man to "sin no more" after the healing. What does this teach us about our response to Jesus' mercy and grace?

Lent Questions (For participating groups):

1. How was this first week for you?
2. What did you learn about Jesus, or yourself this week as you read, prayed, fasted, and reflected? Specifically, regarding temptation?
3. How have you experienced Jesus' grace and provision this week in your life?