

DIGGING DEEPER

John 5:1-15 (Healing at the Pool)

This week was week 3 in our series exploring the signs of Jesus in John's Gospel. Before you begin, pause together and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your conversation, deepen your trust in Jesus, and make this story personal in your lives.

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER: What is something you waited a long time for? What was that experience like?

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER: John 5:1-15

DISCUSSION GUIDE

OBSERVATION - *What do we see?*

1. What details stand out about the man's condition and situation?
2. What is surprising about Jesus' first question to him?
3. How does the man respond to Jesus? What does his answer reveal?
4. What happens immediately after the healing?
5. How do the religious leaders react? What are they focused on?
6. Where does the man finally encounter Jesus again?

INTERPRETATION - *What does it mean?*

1. Why would Jesus ask **"Do you want to get well?"** this instead of just healing him? What does that reveal about spiritual healing and transformation?
2. The man shows no clear faith and doesn't even know Jesus' name. What does this teach us about the grace of God?
3. Why are the religious leaders more concerned about Sabbath rules than a man being healed?
4. When Jesus later finds the man and says "stop sinning" how do you hear Jesus' tone (warning, compassion, invitation or something else?) What does this reveal about the deeper healing Jesus wants?

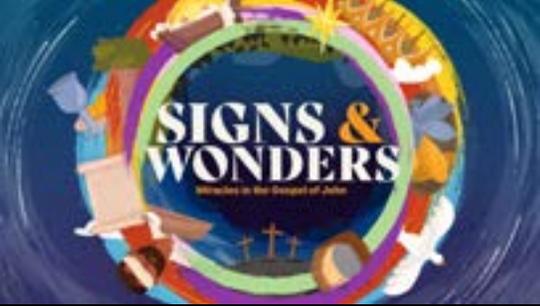
APPLICATION - *What does it mean for us?*

1. Where might Jesus be asking you, **"Do you want to get well?"** (habit, wound, relationship, pattern of thinking, etc). Is there an area where you've been blaming others instead of inviting Jesus to work?
2. Jesus goes to the isolated and overlooked. Who are the "by the pool" people in our community? How does Jesus' example of engaging them impact us?
3. Where are we tempted to value rules, comfort, or efficiency over compassion?
4. How do we hold together these two truths: (1) Jesus gives grace freely and (2) Jesus calls us to leave our life of sin ?

Consider one of these practices to try this week:

- Spend 5 minutes each day in prayer asking: **"Jesus, where do I need to be made well?"**
- Intentionally **notice one overlooked person** this week and engage them with kindness.
- **Identify one pattern Jesus may be calling you to leave behind** and share it with a trusted believer for prayer.





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GROUP PRAYER TIME: Share requests and pray for one another. Pray for our church as we journey through John's Gospel and this season of Lent.

MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and stories of transformation.

UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **3/5: Women's WFO Brunch:** 9:30-11:30 | AMC | Speaker: Andy from Hattie's House
- **3/6: Father/Daughter Dance** | Registration is Closed
Volunteer Needs Sign up at fairoaks.church/kids
- **3/8: Food Drive** | Bring donations on Sunday to drop off spot in lobby
- **3/11: Hope Gathering Widows Group** | 6-8p | FLC Conference Rooms
- **3/13: Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p | Sign up to volunteer