

# Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 9, 2021

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Freely and Lightly  
John 5:1-9

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What are some great things about being a mom?
- Share a fond memory you have of your mom.
- What are some challenging things about being a mom?
- Share a memory you have of challenges your mom faced raising you.

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

## MAIN POINT

Following Jesus gives us all the ability to live FREELY and LIGHTLY.

## THE WORD

**Read** – John 5:1-9

## DIGGING DEEPER

*John 5:1-4*

- What did these people think could heal them?
- Who did they think could become healed?
- What would your attitude be if you were there at that pool?

*John 5:6*

- How do you think you would have reacted if Jesus asked you this question?

- Why do you think Jesus asked this man IF he wanted to be made well?
- What do you think is the significance of Jesus' wording "MADE WELL"?
- How is being "MADE WELL" different than "GETTING BETTER"?
- Can you share a time in your life when you have been "MADE WELL"... either physically, mentally, or emotionally?

*John 5:7*

- What did this man think was his only hope of being MADE WELL?
- Share a time you thought your only hope was dependent on human effort?
- Share a time in your life when you were waiting for God to bless you.
- Did you think you had to DO SOMETHING in order for God to bless you?
- Why do we struggle with that thought, "*I need to earn God's blessing.*"?
- Can you identify a situation in your life when God blessed you in SPITE of your foolishness, instead of blessing you because of your faithfulness?

**Read** – Matthew 11:28-30

- What did Jesus say is necessary for us to live FREELY and LIGHTLY?

## TAKING IT HOME

What is something from this week's study that you want to remember and apply to your life?

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS