



## **Waymaker - Week 3**

### **April 4-5, 2020 - Tim Harlow**

This week, Pastor Tim reminds us of the healing power of our savior!

**NOTE: We are sending this out early so you and your families can spend time watching service and discussing the Study Guide together! If you're looking for some virtual ways to connect with your Small Group, check out [Zoom](#) or [Google Hangouts](#)!**

#### **CELEBRATE**

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

#### **CONNECT**

1. Talk about your favorite things to do outside this time of year as it's getting warmer!
2. Share a memorable April Fool's moment you've experienced. Who in your life seems to live for days like April Fool's Day?

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

## **REFLECT**

Before moving forward in your study, take a moment and review the key points from this weekend's message.

1. All sickness comes from sin, but all healing comes from God.
2. No matter how it happened - or what it is - God is there for us.

**SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE:** Exodus 15:1-3, 22-26; Psalm 147:3; Isaiah 53:4-5; Luke 19:10; Romans 8:28, 13:1; 2 Corinthians 4:16; Philippians 4:6-7

## **RESPOND**

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that resonated with you. What made it stick out to you?
2. Talk about a time you were dealing with a physical illness or injury. Share what that healing process was like. If you're still in the middle of it, what is it like at this point in time?
3. Read John 5:1-9. Read slowly and out loud, if possible. Notice Jesus asks the sick man if he wants to get well. Talk about why you think Jesus is asking that question to this man. What do you notice about the way the man responds to Jesus' question?
4. The sick man's response to Jesus suggests that he can't get well if he can't get into the pool. So, he sits and watches others go before him into the pool. Talk about a time you might have sat hopelessly in your pain. How did you experience Jesus come alongside you that?
5. The sick man turns his eyes from the pool to Jesus as his source of healing. Talk about a need or burden you are feeling right now that you might need to bring before Jesus.
6. Pastor Tim also said we need to do what God tells us to. In the case of the man in the story, getting well meant getting up! The way we respond to our circumstances is something we have control over. What is a practice or habit that you could adopt this week that would help you get well? Talk about a way you can *Get Up* this week.
7. In the fallen and broken world we live in, many are in need of the hope Jesus brings. Take some time to pray for those in this world who are sick, hurting and hopeless. Pray God would be with them. Then, if you're comfortable with it, pray God would bring them to you, so you can bring the hope of Jesus to them this week.

**Closing Prayer:**

God, thank you for being a God of peace and healing. At a time like this in our world, it feels like there is very little we have control over. But, Lord, you are in control. And we can control our response to these circumstances. We pray you would show us ways we can choose to get well this week. We ask that you would remind us of your presence, so that we can have constant hope that you are with us in our healing. We pray for those in the world who so desperately need that hope right now.

Amen.