

FORMED AND REFORMING

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God will remove the *presence* of sin. (Glorification)

Change begins with Jesus.

Change involves the Holy Spirit's work AND our effort.

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Sanctification brings us freedom, not bondage.

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Reforming

Final Form

Reforming requires a choice.

“Do you want to be made well?”

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- If you had been healed to be able to walk after 38 years, what is the first thing you would do?
- Without looking at your Bible, one person retell the story of Jesus and the man by the pool. Others in the group can fill in any gaps.
- If you were watching this miracle, what would it tell you about Jesus?
- Describe what it might be like if the man had been healed but returned to sit and beg by the pool the next day.
- Have you ever struggled with sin? (Trick question) Do you still struggle with sin?
- What (if anything) had you previously learned about sanctification Had you viewed it as work or freedom?
- Read **Philippians 2:12-13**. According to this passage, who is doing the work of sanctification?
- Does viewing sanctification as reforming to who you were always meant to be help in the fight against sin? In what ways?
- How would you answer the question, “Do you want to be made well?” What are you willing to do (or allow God to do) to be made well?
- **PRAY** for the desire to be “reformed” over the next few weeks.
- **PRAY** for someone in your family, at work, or friend you know who needs to free from sin and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be reformed into the image of Jesus.

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