

TRAJECTORY- DIRECTION DETERMINES DESTINATION

Do you want to get well?

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Have you ever tried any crazy remedies to heal yourself of any sickness? What has worked really well and what has failed miserably?

Read John 5:1-5. Take an unbiased inventory of your life. Would you say you have something "ailing" you right now like we talked about tonight? Is something "crippling" you and you feel powerless to overcome it? Is this something that can be difficult to self-identify? Or is it something that is just uncomfortable to do? Why or why not?

Read John 5:5-7. How are you trying to fix it? Or are you at all? Have you looked for healing from something created or from the Creator? How so? Are you trying to go it alone? Just because you are sitting in a group right now doesn't mean you aren't trying to go through life solo still. How are you actively allowing a community of people to help carry your burdens? Why or why not?

Read John 5:5-9. Toughest question of the night- Do you WANT to be well? Really take a second and ponder this one. Would a quick history of your choices agree with your response to that question? Why or why not? What might be things holding you back from getting well? A person? Fear? The thought of missing out? Something else? Does the thought of getting well, which could mean a possible HUGE life change, frighten you are all? Why or why not?

A majority of us probably know what obedient step Jesus is calling us to take...we just might be ignoring it. If you know what the step is you are being called to take, share it with the group. (NOTE- THIS CAN BE TOUGH. So group members, your job is to support. These can be huge life changing steps for this person, no matter how small it might sound to anyone else. Support them in this moment!) If you don't know, that's okay! It's why you are at church. Take a second right now and stop group to pray. Pray for the members of your group to discern where Jesus is directing them to step, but also pray for every student at The Return!

Hearing stories can be so encouraging to the people listening. If you have ever stepped out on limb in obedience following Jesus, take a second to share the story.

Last 10%. Often times we will share the first 90% of the truth in our lives. We will keep the last 10% to ourselves, whether it be out of fear, stubbornness, or something else, we won't share! This is an opportunity to face these rather tough questions again...**What might the Spirit be prompting you to share that you can bolster up the courage for right now?**