

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31

### The question we all have to answer is:

- Is Jesus who He <u>claimed to be</u>?
- When we believe in Jesus, we put our faith completely in Him and learn to trust Him.
- 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. John 5:2-3

5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" John 5:5-6

7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." 8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. John 5:7-9

#### When it comes to God's healing:

• The goodness of God is not based on the gifts of God.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4

Healing is solely a gift of grace from God.

#### The challenges about God's healing:

- The gifts of God don't always change the hearts of men.
- Sometimes people want a healing more than they want the <u>healer</u>.
- Sometimes people don't want to be healed.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" John 5:6

Physical sickness is not the worst thing that can happen to us.

14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." John 5:14

## Choosing life while we're waiting for a healing:

 Our struggle with the goodness of God is an opportunity to learn to trust the sovereignty of God.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts... My ways are higher than your ways." Isaiah 55:8-9

• What God is doing in you will sustain you.

7 Even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. 8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 9 Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

• We live, **believing** for the goodness of God while we're waiting to **receive** it.

13 All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Hebrews 11:13

• We anticipate **God's activity** while we live in a fallen world.

"Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life..." Psalm 23:6

"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13

"You are good and what You do is good." Psalm 119:68

Addition Notes:			



# TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

# Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

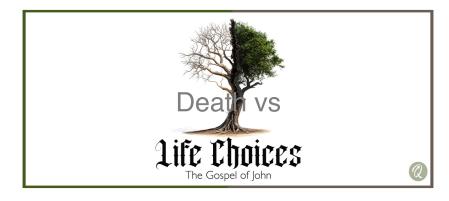
- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- How are you doing learning to trust Jesus? Is the process tiring? Are you feeling greater confidence in God?
- Talk through the points under the sub-heading: "When it comes to God's healing." Do you struggle with these issues? How do they lead us to greater faith in God?
- Talk through the points under the sub-heading: "The challenges about God's healing." How do these challenges help us experience a greater faith in God?
- Do you struggle with the sovereignty of God while facing afflictions? What does it mean that God is sovereign?
- What does this statement mean to you: What God is doing in you will sustain you?
- How do you continue to live, believing for what you haven't received yet?
- How do you anticipate God's activity in your life? Do you believe that you will experience the goodness of God this side of heaven?

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Why Doesn't God Heal Everyone?

