




Answer the King: *Do You Want to Be Healed?*

Discussion Questions

Date: September 15, 2019 | **Scripture:** John 5:2-9a

1. Read John 5:2-9a. What stands out to you?
2. Have you ever considered the significance of the historical details that are in the gospels? Why is it important that the Christian faith is not just a blueprint for a better life, but good news anchored in history?
3. Jesus sees a mass of humanity, and like he always does, he takes the initiative. What was at stake for Jesus going to visit the paralyzed man? (*the man was ceremonially unclean*) How have you seen Jesus take the initiative with you? What implications does this interaction have for us as a community group and church family? (*for example, our church's building project*)
4. Jesus asked the paralyzed man, "Do you want to be healed?" What was his response? What does the man's answer tell us about how he viewed his circumstances? (*i.e., he had lost hope*)
5. Like the paralyzed man, we can become comfortable with our maladies. In what ways do we cling to what is comfortable rather than coming to Jesus and find healing?
6. The resurrection (see John 5:25) gives us not just hope for our future, but power for our present. Grace *can* change everything, even now. How has been Jesus changing you over the past few months? The past year?
7. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul writes, "I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus." How can we encourage one another with this promise this week?



Jesus is not
content to bring
partial healing to
our souls. He will
not stop until he
has brought
salvation to us all.