

# Alone with Jesus | Jesus and the Invalid at the Pool – John 5:1-16

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## OVERVIEW

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In Jesus' interaction with the invalid person, we learn that Jesus heals and restores the body and soul.

## OHANA TIME!

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**Icebreaker:** When you were a child, what was the home remedy for a cold? **Or** What are you doing to stay physically fit?

**Activity:** Exercise outside for a walk or jog.

## PRAYER

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**Pray in groups of 2-3:** Ask God for healing and restoration over your mind, body, and soul.

**Pray in a large group:** Is someone in your group battling an ailment? Pray for the Lord's peace and restorative power as a group.

## BIBLE: READ JOHN 5:1-16

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1. How do you picture the physical setting of this story (verses 2-4)? What is the smell? The noises? The atmosphere?
2. The author, John, does not identify the illness of the "invalid." How do you picture the invalid in verses 5-7?
3. How does the invalid respond to the question in verse 6, "Do you want to get well?"
4. How does Jesus heal the invalid person?
5. What triggers controversy about the healing?
6. Although the invalid was healed of his physical condition, what was not healed or restored, according to verse 14?
7. Why does the invalid go to the Jewish leaders? What does this reveal about his heart towards Jesus?

## APPLICATION

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1. When you have health problems, what causes you the most anxiety/stress?
  - a. Battling a chronic condition
  - b. Dealing with a financial burden
  - c. Coping with added pressures such as missing work
  - d. Facing health problems without support from others
  - e. Other:\_\_\_\_\_
2. In what ways do people today seek healing *without* Christ? What ailments – physical, spiritual or otherwise does Jesus need to give healing and restoration in your life?
3. If Jesus walked up to you one day, what question do you think he may pose to you? How would you respond?
  - a. "Do you want to get well?"
  - b. "What are you doing with your life?"
  - c. "When will you quit complaining and be content?"
  - d. "Are you satisfied with your life?"
  - e. Other:\_\_\_\_\_

