

Week 7 Discussion Questions

Text: John 5:1-29

Icebreaker: Do you practice taking a sabbath? What does it look like for you?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. List the characters in the story and what you learn about them.
3. Why does Jesus ask the man if He wants to be healed?
4. Water has been a consistent element within the narrative of John until now. How does what you've learned the past few weeks about the significance of water in these stories change or enhance your understanding of this passage?
5. This man has lived 38 years with a debilitating condition and he is at this pool because he believes it is what will bring him salvation. When you have experienced something debilitating (Physically? Mentally? Emotionally? Issues with family, friends, work?) that kept you from living life as you pictured it, where did you turn for relief?
6. Last week, the woman at the well's response to Jesus was to tell everyone about Him. In what way is the response of the man who was healed different?
7. Is it possible to receive help from Jesus and still miss Jesus Himself?
8. Read Exodus 31:12-18. Jesus would have known that His and the man who was healed actions would be prohibited on the Sabbath, yet He heals the man anyway. Why is it lawful for Jesus to do so and what does He reveal about Himself when He does?
9. What aspect of Christ's character revealed in this passage did you need to be reminded of this week?