



LifeGroup Discussion Questions

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Summary

Dependence on Jesus alone brings true healing, hope and life.

Scripture

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. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 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?”

“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.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” —John 5:2-10 (NIV)

So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. —John 5:16-19 (NIV)

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.” -John 5:24 (NIV)

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. “I do not accept glory from human beings, but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.

How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?” John 5:39-47 (NIV)

Let’s Start

Has someone ever asked you a very surprising question?

Gratitude and Prayer

How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let’s Talk

1. What do you find interesting about Jesus’ interaction with the man at the Pool of Siloam?
2. Pastor Kyle spoke about how people look to the wrong things for hope and healing, and become dependent on the wrong things, such as: success, season (stage of life) and religious devotion. Has this been true in your life? If so, how?
3. Pastor Kyle said, “What God commands simply we love to make complex.” Why do you think this is true? Can you think of examples of this?
4. Some ways we can depend on God are:
 - decide (make the decision to follow Jesus)
 - deepen (Pastor Kyle used the example of fasting)
 - declare (baptism)Have you depended on God in these ways?
5. What are practical ways to depend on God alone?
6. What changes can you make so you will be totally dependent on God in all things?

