

Jesus calls us to a new life in our relationships with God and each other. In Home Groups, we purpose to live out those new relationships. You can find a Home Group at www.trinityonline.org.

JUST FOR FUN

Act out what you need? (Your leader has instructions)

WHEN WERE YOU IN NEED?

When was a time when you were in need, and at just the right time, someone helped? (Ideas: Help could be physical, emotional, financial, career, connections, friendship, etc.)



LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD

In recent weeks in the Gospel of John, Jesus has revealed His identity, His mission to help, and His invitation to learn of and trust in Him. This week, Jesus encounters another person in need. Read John 5:1-15.

Consider the big picture:

- Where is Jesus? Why?
- Where is His encounter? Who is there? Why is He there?
- What do we know about the man Jesus heals?
- Who inquires? Why?
- Where is Jesus' second encounter with the man? How did that happen?

Verse six says that "Jesus saw him ... and learned." What might this tell us about Jesus' character and ministry? (6)

Jesus question seems ludicrous. How might this question be significant in the meaning of this story and the big picture thus far in "The Gospel of John?" (6)

What was his answer? What do we learn about the man from his answer? (7)



Jesus' response is also curious. What would you expect Jesus to say? What might we expect the man to say back? (8)

What are Jesus' two commands in this story?

1)

2)

The term, "The Jews," was often used of Jewish religious authorities. What was their response? What was missing? (10-12)

Do you think that the fourth Commandment* was meant to forbid a healed person from carrying their mat? Why or why not? (*"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy")

Knowing the purpose of "The Gospel of John" (20:31), how does this story fit into John's purpose? (i.e. What does this teach us about people responding in belief / faith in Jesus?)

How does this response contrast that of John 4:49-53?

What are the ways that Jesus helped this man? How is He still helping us in our lives?

Jesus has healed us all. What are some the ways that Jesus has healed you? How might we share God's healing with others?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What are some ways that we might say 'No' to Jesus question, "Do you want to get well?" How are we at being real about needing help? Why does it seem like everyone in church is 'Fine?'



Since we are to be like Jesus, how can we learn to 'see' and 'learn' about people in need? (6)
How can we respond when we do?

Neither the "man" nor "the Jews" responded well. How do we sometimes feel when people don't respond well to our offer of help? What will keep us from responding poorly to those people or to helping in general?

How can we keep both forms of Jesus' healing in our relationships and serving?

PLEASE PRAY

- Pray that we can follow Jesus by caring for the needy. Pray specifically for Light and Power, Micah House, Produce Pantry, and our Helps ministry.
- Pray for your Home Group. Ask for God to speak and empower as you encounter people throughout your week.
- Pray that love and unity in Trinity Church will glorify God