

Signs: Jesus at Work

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Welcome

- 1) When you are sick are you more of the Superman-type trying to tough it out or are you more of the baby-type crying for mama?
- 2) Have you ever spent the night in a hospital? What was your experience like?

Word

Read John 5:1-9

- 1) What do you imagine this scene was like? What did it look like? Sound like? Smell like?
- 2) How would you have felt if you were present with this paralyzed guy?
- 3) Why do you think he wanted to get in the pool when the water was stirred up?
- 4) Why did Jesus ask the guy, "Do you want to be healed?"
- 5) What does the sign of the healing of this man point to? What does it mean for us?

Read John 5:10-15

- 1) Why would the law prohibit a person from carrying their bed on the Sabbath day?
- 2) How did an obsession with rules prevent these Jews from seeing Jesus the healer?
- 3) How does an overfocus on rules and regulations prevent us from seeing what the Holy Spirit is doing in our day?

Read John 5:16-17

- 1) How does Jesus put the law-keeping Jews in a difficult position when he says, "My Father is working and I am working?"
- 2) What does this sign reveal about the work of God in the earth?
- 3) What does it mean for Jesus and these law-keeping Jews to be on different time zones?
- 4) How does baptism connect us with the age that is to come? What will that coming age, that we embody now, look like?

Work

- 1) What do you need to do this week in order to partner with God in his work of healing the world?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 17 / Mon: 18 / Tue: 19 / Wed: 20 / Thu: 21 / Fri: 22 / Sat: 23
- 2) Pray for one another