

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 6, Episode 18

Do You Want To Be Healed?

John 5:5-16

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus asked the man again to stop sinning after healing him (John 5:14)?
2. What deeper meaning is behind Jesus asking, "Do you want to get well?" instead of assuming the man's desire?
3. Why were the religious leaders more concerned about Sabbath violations than celebrating the miracle?
4. How did Jesus' actions challenge the "oral traditions" of the Pharisees without violating God's written law?
5. How does understanding the difference between *oral law* and *God's law* help us today?
6. What does the man's carrying of his mat symbolize about stepping into new life after encountering Jesus?
7. How does Jesus' pursuit of the man after healing him show the heart of God?
8. What risks did Jesus take by healing and commanding the man to walk on the Sabbath?

9. Why do you think the man initially didn't even know Jesus' name after being healed?
 10. How does this passage deepen our understanding of the relationship between physical healing and spiritual transformation?
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Application Questions:

1. Where in your life is Jesus asking you, "Do you really want to be made well?"
 2. What "mat" (old habit, mindset, or excuse) are you being called to pick up and leave behind?
 3. How can you distinguish between following God's Word and following human traditions today?
 4. What areas of your heart need healing beyond just the surface-level needs?
 5. How might legalism or traditions in your own life be hindering compassion toward others?
 6. In what ways has God pursued you even after He answered a prayer or brought healing?
 7. How can you respond with bold obedience to Jesus' commands, even if they seem risky or countercultural?
 8. What is one practical way you can celebrate God's work rather than getting stuck criticizing methods or timing?
 9. Where might pride or self-righteousness prevent you from rejoicing over someone else's healing or restoration?
 10. How is Jesus calling you to trust His authority over tradition, comfort, and fear?
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Prayer Prompt:

"Jesus, thank You for pursuing us even when we don't fully recognize You at work in our lives. Help us not just to seek healing, but to seek You—the true Healer. Give us courage to step out in faith when You call us to move. Protect us from pride and tradition that blind us to Your grace. Heal us inside and out, and teach us to live in the new life You offer. Amen."

Additional Resources for Deeper Study:

- **Scripture Reading:**

- John 5:1-16 (The healing at Bethesda)
- Mark 7:1-13 (Jesus confronts traditions of men)
- 1 Corinthians 11:27-32 (Sin and consequences)
- 1 John 5:16-17 (Sin leading to death)
- John 9:1-3 (Sickness for God's glory)

- **Related Sermons and Podcasts:**

- *Making Disciples with Robby Gallaty Podcast* — episodes on healing and holiness
- *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, Seasons 1–6 — especially episodes about Jesus and the Law

- **Books and Studies:**

- *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty — exploring Jesus' teaching in cultural context
- *F260 Bible Reading Plan* — focus on Gospel encounters with Jesus

- **Videos:**

- Long Hollow Church YouTube Channel: Messages about healing, compassion, and the heart of Jesus.

- *The Chosen Series* — particularly scenes showing Jesus' compassionate Sabbath healings.