

## Signs | Discussion Questions 7.12.15

Does the question "do you want to get well" seem strange?

From the way we live as a society, do you think we want to get well?

Read John 5:1-9.

Try to describe what life was like for the man we meet in this passage.

This man had a physical condition for 38 years. What happens to someone when a problem persists for a long period of time?

What kinds of brokenness can people learn to live with? List some of the possibilities.

How difficult does it make it for God to change things when we learn to live with our problems without pursuing change?

What are some of the greatest obstacles to faith? Where does familiarity (comfortable with our problems without pursuing change) fit on the list?

Some characteristics regarding healing of the paralytic:

- A. He didn't ask to be healed
- B. He didn't earn his healing
- C. He was healed as he expected

What does this story teach us about Jesus? What does this story teach us about healing?

Why do you think Jesus choose this man and not do anything for all the other people at the pool?

What does it take for us to be ready if Jesus asks, "do you want to be well"?

Read Romans 8:1, 2, 28, 35, 39.