Healed to be Holy
Series: John
Scripture: John 5:1-18

Bethesda = “The House of Mercy”

We are reminded that…

Jesus’ _____ is _____. (v6)

- Psalm 139

Jesus’ _____ is _____. (vv6-7)

- Jesus moves toward _____, not _____.

Jesus’ _____ is _____ and _____ (vv8-9)

The real issue is _____, not _____.

The point is this: In the first coming of the Son of God, we received _____ of his _____ power.

- the purpose of these is to call us to _____ and _____.

The main issue for us until Jesus comes back is that we _____ him in our brokenness, and _____ the power of his forgiveness to _____ holiness.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking.

- When you get sick, what are you like: A puppy? Superman? Rip Van Winkle?

Start thinking. Read John 5:1-18

- How do you picture the setting of this story (vv.2-4)? What is the smell? The noises? The atmosphere? How would you feel in a place like this?
- How would you picture the invalid (vv.5-7)? What does Jesus mean by his question in verse 6? What did the invalid hope Jesus might do?
- As the invalid, what do you feel in verses 8-9? In verses 10-12? In verse 13? In verse 14?
- Why were the leaders so upset? How do you suppose they responded to his medical update (v.15)?

Start sharing.

- In what ways do people today try to be healed spiritually outside of Christ? How would you respond to someone who said all sickness is a result of sin?
- Has your joy in God ever been squashed by someone's concern over religious rituals and traditions? What did that do to you? Have you ever responded to someone in that way? How so?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the many lessons we can learn from the Word of Truth. I pray that as I journey through life, I may not miss any precious encounters with Christ along the way. Help me to do all things to Your praise and glory, and in everything give thanks. This I ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Pay attention to moments where you may recognize your opportunity to bear witness to Jesus, both in word and deed.