

Questions Jesus Asked

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"Do you want to get well?"
John 5:6

"Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, 'Would you like to get well?' 'I can't, sir,' the sick man said, 'for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.' Jesus told him, 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!' Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking!"
John 5:1-18

Observations / Questions

- Why did Jesus heal him? What was unique about this man?
- Why did Jesus ask him if he wanted to be healed?
- Why did Jesus go there at that time?
- Why did Jesus tell him to stop sinning?

Why does Jesus heal some people physically in scripture?

What are some things we can observe about the circumstances?

- Did Jesus heal people because He felt bad for them – compassion?
- Did Jesus heal people to demonstrate His authority over sickness?
- Did Jesus heal people to show that He was God? Messiah?
- Did Jesus heal people to display His power?
- Did Jesus heal people to bring Himself and/or His Father glory?
- Did Jesus heal people to give a foretaste of the Kingdom of God?

Jesus heals people to reveal who He is, to bring His Glory and, in to reconcile people to the Father. Ultimately the goal of Jesus ministry is to bring about reconciliation to the Father. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

What if...

Why Jesus heals - has less to do with physical healing of the individual person and more to do with Jesus' bringing people into right relationship with God.

Questions for Discussion:

- What experience do you have with God healing people?
- Why do you think God heals some people and not others?
- What does the role of faith play in God healing people?
- When should we pray for people to get well?
- How do we balance prayer and medical / doctor intervention?