

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of September 11, 2022

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to “break the ice” and get people talking)

- Would you rather give up your cellphone for a month or bathing for a month?
- Who are the hardest people for you to love on, reach out to, care for and why?
- Read John 5:1-9. What stands out to you in this story?
- When have you felt that God was waiting too long to do something you'd trusted Him to do?
- Jesus came to the lame man in v. 6 and initiated a faith journey. Talk about a time that Jesus brought healing and restoration into your life—physical, emotional, and/or spiritual?
- Read John 5:10-13. Why do some people care more about keeping certain "religious" rules than they do about developing a meaningful relationship with Jesus?
- Are there times we hold to “the letter of the law” and miss what God is doing?
- The lame man in John 5 was surrounded by others that were just as hopeless as he was. The same was true for the Jews in v. 10. What are the dangers of living in an “echo chamber” (surrounded by people that have only the same thoughts and ideas that we have)?
- How can we recognize and refuse to allow preferences, personal agendas, traditions get in the way of seeing God work?
- Take some time to pray together.

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