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Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!”

But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

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[CONNECT]

Have you ever encountered a situation where you had a problem, and instead of turning to God for the answer, you created an answer of your own? What were some of the emotions that you were experiencing at that time? How did the situation turn out? Share your experience with the group.

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from this message?

[GROW]

Read John 5:1-11

When Jesus looks at you, He sees more than meets the eye. What do you think Jesus saw in the sick man at the pool that made him stop and ask the question "do you want to be healed"? What do you think Jesus sees when he looks inside of you?

Our friend at the pool could have become way too comfortable with his circumstances. What's the danger of becoming comfortable? Is there a difference in being comfortable vs. being content? What do you think God is asking of you? Do a self-check; are there areas of your life where you have grown comfortable?

Our friend's ailment at the pool of Bethesda had become his whole identity. For 38 years, it was all about a problem and an impossible answer. If you are not careful, your circumstances or environment can consume your identity. How can you be intentional about not letting this happen? What are some tools you might use to ensure that this won't happen to you?

Jesus asks tough questions in our lives to expose the true cost of our desires. What were some of the cost our friend at the pool was being asked to pay? Why is paying those cost so difficult at times? What might God be asking of you right now?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

A life with Christ will ask a lot of you. One thing this journey requires is complete and total focus on God and God alone. Take a spiritual inventory; is there an area of your life that you need to refocus on God? What is your identity? Have you allowed circumstances or situations to cause you to not live your best life? If so, what are you going to do to change that?