

Decide or Default: Will I Be Healed? John 5:5-17 ADBC 5-2/3-21

Group Discussion Questions:

Starter: When we think of unhealth and healing, we think about the our bodies. Please share a time when you feel like God healed someone – maybe yourself – from destructive thoughts or feelings, from bad decisions, or a broken relationship.

- 1. Read John 5:5**
- 2. Imagine this man's life. What do you think his average day was like? Who brought him food? Who attended to his physical needs? Why do you think he is still there after 38 years?**
- 3. Read John 5:6**
- 4. In your opinion, why would a person not want to be healed? What is Jesus' question really asking the man to think about?**
- 5. Read John 5:7-9.**
- 6. Please share a time when you thought a problem could only be solved one way and God solved it another way. What did you learn?**
- 7. Jesus supplies the man's healing. What is the man's part in being healed?**
- 8. Read John 5:9b-13**
- 9. What is your reaction to the Jewish leaders who scold the man for carrying his mat on the Sabbath? What do you think was their intent?**