

## House Group Questions - John 5:1-15

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FALLING IN LOVE WITH JESUS THE HEALER: THE LAME MAN.

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### **1. Jesus saw the man at the Sheep Gate when everyone else had overlooked him.**

The man had lived with suffering for 38 years and had become almost invisible to society.

**Where do you see people today who are treated as "irrelevant" or overlooked, and how might Jesus be calling us as individuals and as a church to notice, honour, and draw near to them?**

*(Consider: Who might be standing at our "Sheep Gate" that Jesus would stop for?)*

### **2. Jesus asked the man: "Do you want to be made well?"**

The question seems obvious, yet it invited a deeper response about hope, identity, and willingness to change.

**If Jesus asked you that question today — "Do you want to be made well?" — what area of your life would He be inviting you to bring honestly before Him?**

*(Consider: Has prolonged struggle diminished your hope? Have you become defined by a situation, wound, fear, or limitation?)*

### **3. Jesus healed the man, but Scripture also reminds us we live in the "now and not yet" of God's Kingdom.**

We believe God can heal miraculously, yet we also recognise that sometimes healing does not come as we ask.

**How can we continue to pray with faith and expectation while also trusting God when healing does not happen in the way or timing we hope for?**

*(Consider: How do we support one another without creating guilt or suggesting that lack of healing equals lack of faith?)*

### **4. The religious leaders saw a healed man but focused on the rule about carrying a mat rather than celebrating God's work.**

Jesus challenged a mindset that valued rules over relationship and control over grace.

**What attitudes or traditions might we need to examine as a church so that we never miss what Jesus is doing among us?**

*(Consider: Are there places where "the way we've always done it" could prevent us recognising new life, healing, and mission?)*

#### **Prayer focus:**

Pray for Alwick Baptist Church to be a place where Jesus is seen — where people are noticed, burdens are brought into His presence, healing is sought, grace is extended, and God receives the glory whether the answer comes immediately or through sustaining grace.