# The MIRACLE MAKER

# WEEK 5 | THE HEALING AT THE POOL | JOHN 5:1-15

#### Inspection – "What does it say?"

How did Jesus find out how long the man had been paralyzed? (verse 6)

According to the footnotes that may be in your Bible,

what superstition do we see in verse 4?

What concern did the Jewish leaders have with

the man healed on the Sabbath? (verse 10)

What does verse 13 say about the lame man knowing Jesus?

What concern did Jesus have with the lame man in verse 14?

## Observation – "What does it mean?"

Why do we look for solutions to our problems without turning to Jesus first? What part does obedience in "pick up your mat and walk" play in our spiritual healing? How does "superstition" still effect Christians in keeping their eyes on Jesus only? For what possible reasons would Jesus heal a man that was paralyzed that did not have faith or knowledge of Him?

Was Jesus being a troublemaker by healing on the Sabbath or was there an intended reason?

### Life Application – "What does it mean for me?"

Have an intentional conversation with someone struggling with a disability. How can you help?

Consider what long-term problem you are dealing with and seek Jesus for healing.

Attend the Deaf Ministry Bible school class at Fairmount

on Sundays at 10:15 in room 114.

Send a note of encouragement to someone you don't know.

When standing in line for something, let someone else go in front of you.

### Meditation – "What does God say?"

Psalm 103:2-5	Hosea 6:1	Psalm 107:19-21	Psalm 91:15-16
James 5:14-15	Isaiah 41:10	Jeremiah 17:14	2 Chronicles 7:14-15

#### Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

#### **BEATITUDES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

BLESSED ARE YOU who take time to listen to difficult speech, for you help us to know that if we persevere, we can be understood.

BLESSED ARE YOU who walk with us in public places, and ignore the stares of strangers, for in your friendship we feel good to be ourselves.

BLESSED ARE YOU who never bid us to "hurry up" and, more blessed, you who do not snatch our tasks from our hands to do them for us, for often we need time rather than help.

BLESSED ARE YOU who stand beside us as we enter new and untried ventures, for our un -sureness will be outweighed by the times when we surprise ourselves and you.

BLESSED ARE YOU who ask for our help and realize our giftedness for our greatest need is to be needed.

BLESSED ARE YOU who help us with the graciousness of Christ, for often we need the help for which we cannot ask.

BLESSED ARE YOU when, by all things, you assure us that what makes us individuals is not our particular disability or difficulty, but our beautiful, God-given personhood which no handicapping condition can confine.

REJOICE AND BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD for your understanding and love have opened doors for us to enjoy life to its fullest and you have helped us believe in ourselves as valued and gifted people.

#### Our Heavenly Father,

We lift up to You all who are disabled—in hearing, in sight, in limb, or in mind. Save them from bitterness and frustration and give them joy in the midst of their limitations. May they find peace and fulfillment in knowing You and discovering Your will for their lives. We pray for special grace for those who care for them. Give them Your love and kindness and understanding of the real needs of those they look after.

In Jesus' Name, Amen