

## **August 1 – Small Group Questions - Read John 5:1-17**

1. The man who was ill for 38 years believed the Pool of Bethesda was the only cure to his disease. What are some of the "magic cures" or "magic pools" our culture and even our church believes to be the cure to our inward restlessness or the longings of our hearts?
2. Jesus asks the man, "Do you want to be healed?" What are some of the hidden and inward ailments we today as a society and as a church are chronically feeling, from which to be healed and delivered?
3. When the Jewish leaders confronted Jesus about healing on the Sabbath, Jesus defended Himself by saying, "My Father is at work and I too must be at work." Jesus here claimed to be God. What are the works of Jesus that His Father also does and how do His works impact us and the world?
4. Jesus won for us the eternal Sabbath rest of God by dying on the cross and rising to new life on the eighth day, the beginning of a new week. How can we as Christians live into and from the Sabbath rest in our work of God's mission in the world?