

SENT ON MISSION

Week 3 | *Would You Like to Get Well?* | Teacher: Wayne Walker
Sermon Questions for 10.04.2026

OPENER

We may wonder whether our help is helping or hurting. In John 5, Jesus asks a man sick for 38 years a deeper question: "Would you like to get well?" This week, we hear that question for ourselves and for the neighbors in our city still lying on their mats.

READ

John 5:1-9

MAIN POINTS

1. The Want

Real change requires the want. Jesus is not just a doctor to the sick, he is a healer to the hurting. The man at Bethesda needed more than working legs, he needed holistic healing of heart, soul, mind, and body. We can help like a moving company that relocates problems out of sight, or a mission agency that pursues real transformation. It is a question of healing or hurting.

2. The Wait

The man kept waiting on a myth about stirred water that never healed anyone. We do the same with the next job, the next bet, or the next "this time will be different." Trying harder, working more, or even coming to church will not heal us. Whatever paralyzes us, the same cure that healed him is available to us.

3. The Word

You need Jesus. We need Jesus. They need Jesus. OurCalling is Christ-centered, not just faith-based, because the gospel is the real work. It is not kind to help someone off the streets and ignore their eternity, and it is not kind to share the hope of Christ and leave someone on the streets to die.

4. The Walk

Jesus said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!" The mat was a symbol of his past and the testimony he carried into new life. We each have a mat, and Jesus invites us to roll it up and walk with him. People are lying on cardboard mats all over our city. Do we want our neighbors to get well? Then it is time to make a move through giving, joining a mission journey, or serving locally.

ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP

- When you see someone experiencing homelessness, what usually runs through your mind?
- Where do you take a "moving company" approach to your own problems?
- What "next thing" have you been waiting on to fix your life, and what has the waiting cost you?
- Why do you think Jesus asked the man if he wanted to get well?
- Why do we tend to drift toward either meeting physical needs or sharing the gospel, instead of both?
- What is the "mat" in your story, and how could God use it as a testimony of his healing?
- This week, what is one step you can take to help a neighbor in our city get well?

BOTTOM LINE

False hope will never make us well, but Jesus will, and he calls us to pick up our mats and help our neighbors walk too.