



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Anything is Possible - Week 4: Pool of Bethesda  
April 27-30, 2023

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LEADER NOTES: **Spring trimester: 1/23 - 5/7, Summer trimester: 6/5 - 7/30, Fall trimester: 8/28 - 12/10**

**Leader Podcast Now on Spotify:** You can now listen to [Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less on Spotify](#). Follow it and you won't miss an episode. This week it's Equipping Minister Caitlin Armstrong on how to read the Bible to know God and His character. If you don't have Spotify, you can listen to the [new episode here](#).

**Equipping Ministry Teachers:** Available to come to your Disciple Group to teach a session on apologetics, interpreting scripture, world religions, discipling your family and more. [Click here to register](#).

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – *What's your next step? Stay informed and connected to ALL the things God is doing in and through The Church of Eleven22 at [coe22.com/news](https://coe22.com/news).*

**Baptism classes** are happening after every service at all campuses. **Beach Baptism** is on 5/21. [Click here to serve at beach baptism](#). Maybe your group can serve together.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](https://coe22.com/readingplan)

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**Share Wins, Praises and Prayers:** Where did you see God move this week?

**The Point:** Do you want to be healed? Your past does not have to define your future. In Christ, your past pain can be a platform for God's glory.

**SERMON TEXT:** *John 4:46-5:18; Philipians 4:6-7; Romans 8:1; Romans 8:28*

## Discussion Questions

**LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all these questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes.

- **What stood out to you from the sermon this week?**
- **Read *John 4:46-5:18*. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Based on Jesus's word alone, the official believed his son would be healed and went home.**  
**Discover:** What does that say about the official's belief? (*The official believed in Jesus's authority to heal. His belief didn't require more details or specifics about how it would happen, or for Jesus to come to his home. Geographic distance does not matter to Jesus.*)  
**Deepen:** Share a time you took Jesus at His Word and how this grew your faith, even if you didn't get the exact outcome you were hoping for. (*Are you willing to respond like the official did? The official came for one healing but left with much more - an eternal miracle for himself and his whole family. Jesus can heal every part of you, and most importantly, save you for eternity.*)
- **Jesus's attention was drawn to a man lying by the pool who had been an *invalid* for thirty-eight years. That was how the culture would have seen him—as an "IN Valid" human being.**  
**Discover:** What can we learn about the character of God based on Jesus's interaction with the man on the mat? (*Jesus models the way we should treat all people, as image bearers of God. (1 Corinthians 6:19–20.) God is compassionate, merciful and meets you where you are. God is honest and will cut through your excuses. God loves you enough to go beyond your prayers for physical healing and save your soul. What other character traits of God do you see displayed in these scriptures?*)  
**Deepen:** If we are in Christ, where in scripture can we see how God sees us even as we sit on our "mat"? (*Pastor Joby read a list by Neil T. Anderson. Here are a few references: I am the salt of the earth. (Matt. 5:13) I am a child of God. (John 1:12) I am part of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life. (John 15:1,5) I am Christ's friend. (John 15:15)*)
- **Jesus asked the man on the mat, "Do you want to be healed?"**  
**Discover:** What is the invalid's response and how does Jesus mercifully cut through this man's excuses and bring him to the real answer to his pain?  
**Deepen:** Do you want to be healed? Why is it that some people in pain may not want to be healed? (*Sometimes, when you've been carrying it around for a long time, pain can become familiar and functional. Our wounds can become part of our identity and lead us to make excuses. In order to be healed, the "want to" comes before the "how to."*)
- **Jesus tells the man to "Get up, take up your bed, and walk."**  
**Discover:** Why does Jesus ask him to pick the filthy bed up instead of leaving it behind or throwing it away? (*Your past pain is a platform for the glory of God. You no longer need to be ashamed of your "mat" because God isn't ashamed of you.*)  
**Deepen:** Share how God has transformed, or is working to transform, a tragedy, suffering or pain in your life for His glory - even if it's not turning out exactly the way you'd hoped or expected.

- ACTION STEP

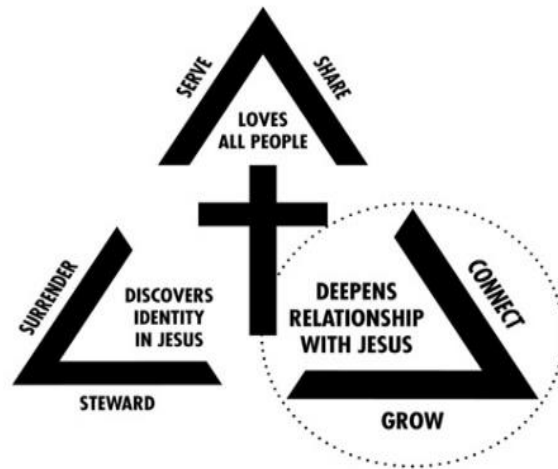
**A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.**

Do you want to be healed?

- Prayerfully consider in what areas of your life your pain may be becoming your identity.
- Write down the name of the thing that you want healed.
- Make this request part of your daily prayers.

Additional Resources:

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to [coe22.com/rightnowmedia](http://coe22.com/rightnowmedia) or text "RightNow" to 441122.  
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