

Do you want to be healed?

John 5:1-18

God is doing something to change the heart of a person,
and also to confront the thinking that causes us not to change.

Legalism

Considerations for the week

The pool. What does the pool of Bethesda represent in the spiritual imagination of Israel — hope, superstition, desperation, etc.?

The sick, v. 1-5. John comments upon the multitude of sick people lying around the pool. What picture of human need is he painting?

Question, v. 6. Jesus asks if the man wants to be healed. Why would He ask a question that seems so obvious?

Consider what His question reveals about the nature of spiritual healing — desire, willingness, surrender, etc.

Expectations, v. 7-8. Jesus did not help the man in the manner he requested (by putting him into the water), but bypassed the system. What does this illustrate about differences between religion and grace?

Jesus told him to take his bed. What might that symbolize for him and for us?

Effects, v. 16-18. Where does our legalism keep us from seeking and seeing Jesus' healing work?

Contemplate how does this story challenges assumptions about how God works.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”
— John 5:17, NIV

Scripture read today
during worship:

Colossians 2:13-14

Romans 12:1-2

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymn 569, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Hymn 573, *God of Our Fathers*

Hymn 572, *America the Beautiful*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Special music, *Heal Our Land*

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Message

Hymn of response 210, *Jesus Paid It All*

Sending forth

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after the service, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. On hold due to kitchen renovations – due to resume on August 5

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm

Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am

Meets this week, July 11

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

Will resume in the fall:

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational

English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Summer camp for children

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays in July. Pre-registration is required.

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We will observe the **Lord's Supper** today.
The bread served will be gluten-free.

Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.