

SERMON OUTLINE John 5:1-18

Do You Want to Be Healed?

JESUS HAD THE POWER TO PERFORM MIRACLES

Miracles in John's Gospel

The Miracle of This Passage

JESUS USED HIS POWER TO SERVE OTHERS, VALIDATE HIS CLAIMS, AND GLORIFY GOD

Serve Others

Validate Claims

Glorify God

THE HARD, ANGRY HEARTS OF THE JEWS

The Anger of the Jewish Leaders

The Unbelief of the Man Who Was Healed

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The main points are these: (1) Jesus had the power to perform miracles, (2) He used His power to serve others, validate His claims, and glorify God and (3) The hearts of the Jews were so hardened that Jesus' miracles and teaching made them violently angry. And my hope is that as a result of seeing these in the text, we will more eagerly worship, pray, and obey.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Which of the 16 questions that Pastor Dave asked at the beginning of the sermon is most interesting to you? Can you think of any other questions from the passage? How do you find answers to these kinds of questions when you have them?
3. Which of Jesus' miracles (in John) seems most miraculous to you? Had you ever noticed what 20:30 says about this?
4. What do you think of this idea from the sermon? "God's design, the world ordinarily works in certain ways. Jesus is the author and sustainer of those ways. He is not bound by them. They are bound by Him."
5. Does it seem strange to you that people believed they could be healed by getting in a pool of water? Can you think of any contemporary examples of that kind of thinking? Where do you think that kind of thinking comes from?
6. Does the fact that vs.3b-4 are almost certainly not supposed to be in the Bible help or hurt your trust in God's Word.
7. Are there any areas of your life in which you don't want to be healed?
8. Do you believe in miracles? Have you ever seen one?
9. What do you think of the idea of "miracle boosts"? Do they increase your amazement?
10. If you had miraculous powers, how do you imagine using them? Which of the three reasons for Jesus' miracles (serving others, validating claims, and glorifying God) do you imagine you'd be most likely to imitate?
11. Can you give a clear, biblical explanation for the unbelief of the Jewish leaders? How about the man who was healed?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Answer as many of the questions Pastor Dave asked at the beginning of the sermon as you can, alone with one of your own..
14. Find a way to serve someone, share the claims of Jesus with someone, and praise the glory of God with someone this week.
15. Spend some time looking up the miracles of Jesus. See if you can find any common threads in them.
16. Visit and pray for someone who is sick.
17. Read your Bible with someone else this week.
18. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God for being a miracle worker. Praise God for being the great physician. Praise God for being merciful.
20. Confess. Confess any hardness of heart you have toward the things of God. Confess any ways you've tried to distance yourself from Jesus. Confess any times you've held your tongue instead of sharing the gospel.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for saving us. Thank God for showing us His glory. Thank God for John's Gospel. Thank God for the people and leaders of Grace Church. Thank God for the freedom to share the gospel with our neighbors.
22. Supplication. Ask God to give eyes and ears (or better sight and vision) for three specific people in your life, in order that they might believe the gospel and/or live more in line with it. Ask God to heal someone who is sick.