

## **Sermon Listening Guide (May 24, 2026)**

**Scripture:** John 5:1-18

**Sermon Title:** “Do You Want to Get Well?”

### **First Thoughts**

The stories of healing in the Bible reveal more about Jesus than they do the person healed.

The miracle of healing points to the power of God.

The person healed in the Gospels is never the main character. Jesus is!

### **Do You Want to Get Well?**

The afflicted man in John 5 believes in a healing superstition involving the pool at Bethesda.

Jesus wants to know if the man even truly wants to get well. (Verse 6)

Why would men and women prefer physical/spiritual sickness over being well?

We are all in need of the true source of power to be well in life.

### **Jesus Sought Him**

Unlike other healing stories in the Gospels, this man never asks for healing.

Verse 14 adds to a negative view of the man, yet Jesus sought him to heal him.

Of all the metaphors for Jesus, the kind Father or Good Shepherd may be the warmest.

By extension, the church has a responsibility to seek the lost, sick, and hopeless.

### **The Sabbath**

Verse 9 hints that the hatred towards Jesus is about to increase.

Jesus both reinterprets Sabbath and identifies himself as God in verses 10-18.

Legalism binds the Jewish leaders' hearts and makes them shallow and cruel.

In a world where we largely measure people by what they are against, be for hurting people.

### **Final Thoughts**

Jesus' compassion and love is on full display in John 5.

In choosing to love others, we choose to become like Jesus.