

# HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

## STUDY GUIDE

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John 5:1-15

### Observation questions

1. What was the man's response when Jesus asked if he wanted to be healed?
2. What did Jesus tell the man to do after he asked the question?
3. How did the religious leaders react when they saw the man carrying his mat?
4. What did Jesus say to the man when He found him later in the temple?

### Interpretation questions

1. Why do you think Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to be healed?" instead of just healing him right away?
2. What does the man's answer reveal about his mindset and how he saw his situation?
3. Why were the religious leaders more focused on the man carrying his mat than on the fact that he was healed?
4. What might Jesus have meant when He told the man to "sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you"?

# CAN YOU HANDLE THE WEIGHT?

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### Application questions

1. In what areas of your life have you become comfortable with dysfunction or brokenness, treating it as normal? What would it look like to refuse to normalize it any longer?
2. Jesus told the man, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” What is one step of immediate obedience God is asking of you right now that you’ve been hesitating to take?
3. Are there people in your life who are more concerned with your habits than your healing? How can you prioritize God’s direction over their preferences?
4. What temptation are you most likely to return to, even after God has brought healing or freedom in an area? What would it look like to pursue holiness in that area instead of comfort?
5. Do you find yourself praying for God to change others while ignoring the areas where you need healing? What would it look like to let God heal you first?
6. Is there a “mat” you’ve been holding onto—a backup plan or comfort—that’s keeping you from fully trusting God for a miracle? What would it look like to let it go?
7. How can you move from just wanting help to truly wanting healing—body, soul, and spirit—in your walk with God?