

HEALING THE HOPELESS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOHN 5:1-18

1 **Upon arriving at Jerusalem, where does Jesus immediately go?** (John 5:1-6). What does this tell us about our Lord? What does Bethesda mean?

 *What does it mean to show mercy? Interact with the following texts in your answer: Matthew 5:7, Titus 3:5, Deuteronomy 4:31, James 2:13, 1 Peter 1:3.*

 *Is God spurring your heart to show mercy to particular people or people groups?*

2 **What reasons could the man have for NOT wanting to be completely healed?** Why, and in what ways, do we sometimes choose to stay in our own misery?

 *How has God brought healing and restoration into your life—physical, emotional and spiritual? Then think about the areas where you are still broken, hopeless or paralyzed. As you “lay” in that place imagine Jesus asking, “Do you want to get well?” Spend a few minutes thinking about your answer to this question and write down your thoughts.*

3 **Some have argued that if God could save everyone but chose only some, then He is unloving.** The same could be said here in John 5:1-18. Jesus could have healed all, but only chose one man. Was he unloving? How would you answer the charge?

