

WEEK SIX
THE TRUE HEALER

SERMON NOTES

The **GOSPEL** brings healing...

→ ...from HOPELESSNESS and DESPAIR.

→ ...from DEATH and JUDGMENT.

→ ...from SELF-RELIANCE.

READING PLAN

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Jn 8:1-11	Jn 8:12-20	Jn 8:21-30	Jn 8:31-47	Jn 8:48-59

STUDY/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In recent years, economists have noted the rise in the “deaths of despair” (suicide, drug overdose, etc.), particularly among our nation’s young people. Why is modern culture lacking in hope?
2. Read John 5:1-9. What does the lame man expect to happen? What does Jesus ask him? What does the man’s answer reveal about his hope?
3. Read John 5:10-18. Why are the Jewish leaders upset about Jesus’ miraculous healing? How does Jesus answer? What does his Sabbath-day activity reveal about his identity?
4. When Jesus reconnects with the man he healed, he issues a warning. What is it? What is the connection between sin and suffering?
5. Read John 10:19-29. What is the ultimate healing that Jesus promises to bring? How is this different than what religion alone can bring?
6. A friend tells you that he thinks that Christians are too focused on the afterlife — “too heavenly minded to be any earthly good.” How might you respond? How does the knowledge of future healing change the way you live today?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- Do you consider yourself an optimist or pessimist — and why?
- Do you think that our world has gotten more hopeless or hopeful over the last decade?
- How do you want your kids to respond to suffering?