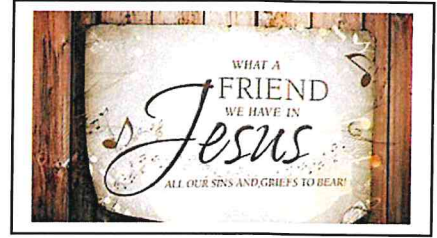


What A Friend: Getting to Know Jesus through the Gospel of John  
January 31, 2021 @ 9:15 AM  
John 5: Jesus and the Man at the Pool  
Fireside Room and facebook.com/fpcbillings



A. Opening Prayer

B. Opening Devotional- Psalm 27:7-14

C. Behind the Scenes:

1. Jesus goes \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem for one of the three Jewish feasts.
2. The Sheep Gate was one of \_\_\_\_\_ gates into Jerusalem at the time of Jesus.
3. It was located on the northeast corner of Jerusalem and used to bring the sheep into Jerusalem for the sacrifice. It was located at the base of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Pool of Bethesda had long been known for its therapeutic \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The pool was a place where many \_\_\_\_\_ people would gather.
6. As Jesus arrives from Galilee, he likely makes his way into Jerusalem through the \_\_\_\_\_ Gate. Jesus has already been identified as the Lamb of God.
7. Jesus sees one man in particular and \_\_\_\_\_ him out.

D. Getting Into the Story: Read John 5:1-9

1. The word \_\_\_\_\_ has connotation of being in-valid.
2. We know the man had been disabled for \_\_\_\_\_ years, but we don't know his age.
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that the man had been "in this condition for a long time."
4. Jesus asks a very \_\_\_\_\_ question, "Do you want to get well?"
5. Instead of responding to Jesus' question, the man responds with an \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus emphatically commands the man to "\_\_\_\_\_ up!"

E. Do You Want to Get Well?

1. Reasons why the man might say no:
  - a. He was \_\_\_\_\_ in his condition.
  - b. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ of coming to the pool.
  - c. His \_\_\_\_\_ was likely tied to his disability. (I am a diabetic, alcoholic, etc.)
  - d. Getting well would lead to greater \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Reasons why the man would say yes.
  - a. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of living this way.
  - b. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ on with life.
  - c. We all should want to be \_\_\_\_\_ and well.

F. Excuses, excuses, excuses:

1. He accentuates his feelings of \_\_\_\_\_ in his excuse.
2. He transfers to \_\_\_\_\_ to others and does not take personal responsibility.
3. There is pleasure in being the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What kinds of excuses do you use?

G. Jesus' Response:

1. Jesus seems to \_\_\_\_\_ the man in the middle of his excuse.
2. We don't know Jesus' inflection in his response, but the phrase is written as a \_\_\_\_\_ to "rise."
3. Jesus also tells him to pick up his mat, which is considered \_\_\_\_\_ on the Sabbath.
4. Why did Jesus tell him to pick up his mat?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the man was cured and walked away.

H. Take Aways:

1. It is difficult for us to \_\_\_\_\_; we get into routines, grow complacent.
2. Jesus wants us to get up and \_\_\_\_\_!
3. We should examine the \_\_\_\_\_ we use in our lives.
4. We should \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to help us live a better life.

I. Closing Comments and Prayer

Remaining Class Schedule:

February 7 John 9: Jesus and the Blind Man

February 14 John 11: Jesus and Mary and Martha

February 21 John 21: Jesus and Peter