

# Whyte Ridge Baptist Church – July 6, 2025



## Encounters with Jesus:

### The Paralytic at Bethesda Encounters Jesus

*John 5:1-18*

Memories of Elementary School:

#### Unpacking John 5:1-18:

Cultural context:

*“Bethesda”*

#### Jesus’ 3 Questions:

Question #1 –

Question #2 –

Question #3 –

#### **Questions for Discussion:**

- 1) If this story were to be set in modern day, who do you think would be sitting around this pool?
- 2) Why do you think that the paralytic had such a hard time understanding Jesus first question to him?
- 3) What was it about Jesus’ miracle that made the religious community so angry? Do you think that we ever allow our religiosity to get in the way of seeing what God is doing around us?