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DO YOU WANT TO GET WELL?

Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

Do you want a closer relationship with God, even if it includes suffering? Bethany Ufema, Lifepoint's Senior Messaging Director, walks us through the healing of the man who'd been paralyzed for 38 years and the life of Job to teach us about bitterness, the effects of unforgiveness, and how the turbulent moments of our lives can push us closer to God. When we're bogged down by bitterness, whether we get well or not entirely depends on our willingness to trust God in our disappointments and get up.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- John 5:1-9
- Galatians 5:1
- Luke 17:4-6
- Romans 5:8
- Job 1:9-11
- Job 42:5
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Ephesians 5:14-16
- Philippians 1:12
- John 15:5

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- How does bitterness affect someone's quality of life? What does God offer us through our suffering?
- What does the Bible instruct us about responding to our enemies? What is the result?
- What should be our reaction when God doesn't answer our questions in a way we can understand?
- What disappointment has caused you to stop believing that God loves you? In what area of your life is Jesus telling you to "get up"?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- God doesn't ask us questions because He doesn't know the answer; He asks us questions because we don't know to ask them. Throughout this week, be mindful of the questions God asks you. What truths do they reveal about you?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Transactional love is really self-love. Pray this week that God gives you an authentic, unconditional love for Him and for those around you (including your enemies).

LEADER TIPS

- Start your small group Bible study with an icebreaker question. One that is fun and easy to answer. It will encourage all members to participate early so it will be easier for them to be more vulnerable later in the discussion.