

Wilt Thou be Made Whole

Discussion Questions

Session 1

John 5:1-15

The Commitment to Wholeness and Healing

THE DISCUSSION:

1. What are your reasons for [doing this course]?

1. My life (most areas) is a mess and I need to get straightened out. Repent, change.
2. Sleep problem seems to be getting worse, fogged out and loosing ability to work, trying to get more sleep during the day
3. To overcome deadness inside, flow in/walk in Jesus' resurrection life.
4. Becoming much more short-tempered, less willing to do even basic homecare, I need to become much better (Christ-like, fruit of the Spirit) at dealing with, caring for Mom, home and care-taking tasks.
5. To overcome confusion, indecision and double-mindedness
6. To become clear-thinking, clear-minded.
7. To become more teachable.
8. To be healed and be able to inspire the faith of Christ and healing to others.
9. I need to become much more disciplined and obedient.
10. To stop bad, life-long habits and bondages and develop good habits and routines
11. To stop continual yielding to the flesh and lusts and become consistently yielding to the Holy Spirit and putting on Christ
12. To become much more focused and diligent at what I'm doing.
13. To come to maturity.
14. To become Christ-centered rather than self-centered
15. I need to become much more intimate and in real, consistent fellowship with God
16. I need to become much more and more consistently filled with the Spirit, the joy of the Lord and full of God's life.
17. To come to desire God and his ways more than all else.
18. To come to the full potential of what God created me for. Phil. 3:7-14, Rev. 3:19-21
19. To know the love of Christ and be filled with all the fullness of God.

2. What has God been doing in your life to bring you to this point?

1. To do this course? Perhaps making/permitting the sleep problem worsen.

3. Which area is the area of greatest or most *immediate need*?

Physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, mental, soul restoration – **ALL THESE**

1. Becoming filled with the Holy Spirit and out with the deadness.
2. Healing of insomnia
3. Regular, consistent time of scripture study, meditating and prayer/ministry in the Holy Spirit
4. Becoming successful with business and finances

4. What desires of your heart are you seeking for God to fulfill through this course?

1. To know Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit and the power of His resurrection and be become like him, to lay hold of all that he laid hold of me for, and be real with God, myself and people. To be his friend, to love him with all my heart, mind, soul and might and my neighbor and believers as myself, to sit with sit/reign with Him on his throne, heavenly city, to seek and obtain his kingdom and righteousness (Christ my righteousness,

wisdom and redemption) To grow in grace and sanctification and be made whole in all areas.

2. To walk consistently by faith and not by sight
3. Being able to know/be in God's presence
4. To enter more fully into God's sabbath/rest
5. To catch and lead others into God's kingdom and those in more fully into it and hope, healing, wholeness and truth in Christ.
6. To come to fully utilize the gifts God has given me for Him, His kingdom and to equip and build up the saints in Christ.

5. Are you willing to allow the Holy Spirit to teach and guide you into truth, to start with you?

1. Yes, but need to become more willing

6. Will you be made whole?

I will, but I need help with this.

What does this question mean to you?

To be MADE by someone else (Christ) restored and perfected in body, soul, spirit and character in His life and likeness and to "sin no more".

Will I respond to, believe and obey Jesus' particular order/process for me to give up the old ways of trying to become whole and do/follow him and whatever he says.

What is God's part?

He makes me whole

What is your part?

To hear what he says and do it.

Is the procedure explained by Jesus?

Yes

What does this imply on your part?

After hearing what he says to do, even if impossible, do it by faith based on his command.

7. **Describe wholeness.** You may want to relate it to what you know about art, biological organisms, architecture, chemical structures, systems, etc.
Complete in Christ, body, soul & spirit

8. For what purpose(s) does Jesus make you whole?

To glorify Himself, to bear witness to others of him and what he's done, to transform me into His likeness, to deepen my relationship with Him, to demonstrate His love for me, to enable/equip me to defeat His/my enemies, to equip/enable/empower me to bring it to others.

What are your reasons for wanting wholeness?

Because the sleep deprivation is getting worse, To get overcome the difficulty and failure of dealing/living with unwholeness, to become godly, mature, full and complete in Christ in body, soul spirit and character, to have a deeper relationship with God, to become effective with, make good use of and glorify God with what He has given me, to be able to defeat His/my enemies, to bring wholeness to others.

THE RESPONSE:

1. Imagine yourself in this man's place. How would you express the experience?

After hearing this Man tell me to "take up my bed and walk", and knowing/realizing that I had been made whole, I would have taken up my bed and walked. And would have been overjoyed beyond belief. I think I would try to get right back to whoever did this and follow him and stay/go with him. I'd want to stay with him and learn all I could of who he is and what he could tell me about God.

2. To what are you willing to commit?

I'm not willing to commit to anything. I've rarely been able to keep commitments to God. Most of what's in his word I don't keep or obey as it is. Only that I owe him everything, I belong to him, and I commit (have committed) to be his bond-servant and follow him for life.

Write out a statement of commitment to Jesus. It may refer to yourself in relationship with God. It may also refer to yourself in relationship to others.

Jesus has committed himself to me – Ps. 91, Mat. 28,20, and through his covenant, Lk 22:20. I love God because he first loved me. 1 Jn 4:19 I will be transformed by the renewing of my mind and present myself to God a living sacrifice (but need his help). Rom. 12:1,2. I offer up to him myself and the members of my body for his use, and as his instruments of/for righteousness. Ps. 40. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God (resurrection) in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:7-14 Psalms..., "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might." He is my God and I am his son. I will overcome with God's help and sit with him on his throne. I humble myself before you. Here I am. Take me.

What shall I render unto the LORD for all of his benefits towards me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

Ps. 117:12-19

3. Read Isaiah 61:1-3. Apply this to the John 5 passage. Walk in a garden or around the block, or imagine yourself doing this. Then take a piece of blank paper. At the top write: Me as I See Myself Today. Then write or draw a picture of how you see yourself, "the planting of the Lord."

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4. Consider the session today. Think about the last phrase in Isaiah 61:3, i.e., "that he might be glorified." Determine to do one thing this week to glorify God as pertains to this session, e.g., share the hope of Jesus with someone, visit someone in a hospital or nursing home, do one thing you couldn't do before that you know pleases God, go to your place of worship and expect to find Jesus there.

Me as I See Myself Today

The Planting of the Lord

Isaiah 61:1 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

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