

Week of May 24, 2020

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: John 5:1-17

- 1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 2. In what ways were the healings of the angel at the pool consistent or inconsistent with the miraculous healings of Jesus?
- 3. In verse 6 Jesus asks the man if he wanted to get well. Why might someone who is unwell not desire to become well?
- 4. Can you think of a time where you unknowingly limited the request of your prayers based on your understanding of what was possible, but God intervened in a way that was more and better than you imagined? Share with your group for their encouragement.
- 5. The pool at Bethesda was obviously crowded with people who needed healing. Was Jesus unfair in healing this man and no other? Why or why not?
- 6. Are there things that are morally right or wrong for Christians to do on the Sabbath today?
- 7. When someone you know has a physical malady, when might it be appropriate to look for sin as a root cause? When might it be inappropriate?
- 8. Did Jesus break the law? When is it (if ever) appropriate for Christians to break the law?

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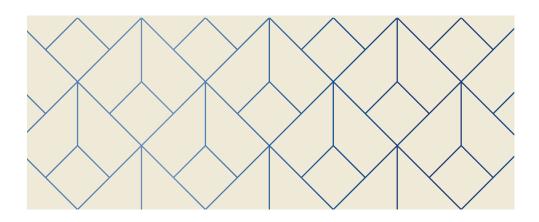
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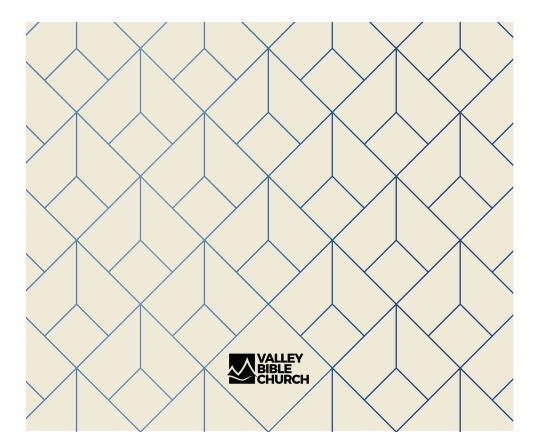
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OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLANKET MAKERS' SEWING CAMP 2020

Online sign-ups are now open for this summer's Sewing Camp hosted by our Blanket Makers. Camp dates have been moved to **July 28-30**, from 9:30 am to 3 pm each day. Ages 8-16 are welcome to sign-up at *spokanevbc.org/events*. Don't delay, space is limited!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are continuing to plan this year's on-campus Vacation Bible School in faith that we will be able to serve our children and community with this ministry **July 13-17**. Though we understand not everyone will be comfortable volunteering this year, we still need a rough idea of how many volunteers we will have to inform our planning. If you are interested in volunteering before, during or after the event, please fill out an interest form at *spokanevbc.org/vbs*. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Dokken at *jennifer@spokanevbc.org* or (509) 869-6410.

CHURCH IN THE PARK RESCHEDULED

Our annual Church in the Park at Valley Mission Park has been rescheduled for **August 30**!

THOSE IN NEED

Please communicate with us if you have financial needs or know of someone in the community who does. Because of your generosity and faithfulness in giving, we have enough financial reserves to pay our staff, pay the bills, and help those who are in need. Many have given specifically to assist anyone in financial distress. We are thankful for all those who continue to give at this time and stand ready to help those who cannot.

We also have a list of volunteers who can shop and deliver groceries or who have purchased extra food and supplies. Contact Stephani Wood (*stephani@spokanevbc.org*) and she will help coordinate with you.



BRIDGE MINISTRY

Bridge Ministries provides pastoral, biblically based counseling free of charge to our church and the community. It is the guided process of applying biblical wisdom to the hurt in our lives, aimed at bridging the gap between you and your joy. Visit spokanevbc.org/bridge-ministries, or contact Pastor Chad Ingalls, our full-time Pastor of Counseling, at bridgeministries@spokanevbc.org for more information.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

We have all learned to depend more and more on technology to keep in touch during the stay-athome order. We are learning lots and getting better and better at it. Going forward we will utilize technology in new ways, and so could use your help. If you have technology skills in audio, video, lighting, etc., we'd like you to join the team. Please contact Natalie Carroll (601-573-4858, or natalie@spokanevbc.org).