

A HEART LIKE JESUS (April 30, 2017)

Medical Emergency (John 4:43-5:15)

Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you: Have you ever had a medical emergency, spent time in a hospital? What happened?

Big idea: God can use medical emergencies to get our attention and draw us to Himself?

Read John 4:43-54

- Compare the people response in Samaria with those in Galilee.
- How flexible are you to change your schedule when God brings about a divine interruption? How do you determine when you change your plans and when you stay with your plan?

1) Medical Emergency – My Son is Sick

- Adversity draws people to God faster than prosperity. Do you agree, why?
- What was the unnamed man's occupation who sought help for his son? Whom did he work for? What challenges might that have brought?
 - a) This dad is desperate.**
 - Have you faced any family crisis? How did you respond?
 - Is it really that important that men be the spiritual leaders in their home? Why? What does this look like? Single moms have it tough, what would you say to them? How can the church help?
 - b) Jesus heals at a distance.**
 - What do we mean by: "faith is believing without seeing"?
 - Can you tell about a time when God answered a need of yours but not like you thought He would?
 - What does the fact that Jesus can heal at a distance reveal? How does this encourage you?
 - c) The family's decision.**
 - Has God ever used a crisis to draw your family closer to Him? What happened?
 - How does Christ change the dynamics of family life?

2) Medical Emergency – Sick Man Healed on Sabbath.

(Read John 5:1-15)

- What was the location of this "outdoor hospital" and what was going on?
- Have you ever met someone who seemed hopeless and helpless? Tell us about it.
 - a) The Man.**
 - What reason did this man offer for not being able to be healed? How is this a picture of a sinners lost condition?
 - Have you ever been sick for a long time? How long? How did you handle it?
 - Why do you think Jesus picked this man out?
 - b) The Master.**
 - Doesn't the question: do you want to get well seem unnecessary? Why or why not?
 - Expound: Jesus loves us where we are but doesn't leave us there.
 - c) Their mistake.**
 - What was the purpose for the Sabbath?
 - What is legalism? How is this dangerous?

CLOSE:

- What do you find difficult with this lesson?
- What encourages you the most?
- What action would God have you take because of this passage?