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SERMON GUIDE

THE POOL

John 5:1-15

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Pray that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever been surprised by unexpected evidence or proof of something you didn't believe? How did that experience affect your perspective and what did you learn?

Read John 5:1-15

- S** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Why do you think this man is lying near the Pool of Bethesda? Where is his hope? What can we guess about his state of mind based on his response to Jesus (v.7)?
- O** What can be seen and understood about Jesus' power and presence in contrast with the Pool? How is he different from whatever was believed and understood about the Pool?
- O** What tension arises in verses 10-17? Why is it important?
- O** What is the warning that Jesus issues in verse 14? What do we learn about what's most important to Jesus?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Is there any "Pool of Bethesda" that you are trusting will heal something in your life right now? If Jesus were to approach you and ask, "Do you want to be healed?" how would you respond today? Why?
- A** Are there any ways that following Jesus is putting you in tension with ideas you have about the way life should be? Is there a way to work towards resolving the tension?
- A** Is there any sin in your life that you would benefit from confessing and discontinuing?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.