

1. His goal for us is wholeness.

*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (MSG)*

"Sin and sickness are consequences of the same rebellion but cured by the same redeemer." - Max Lucado

2. Jesus will either give the gift of removing it or the grace to go through it.

*John 5:1-14*

3. Practice the habit of glancing at sickness but gazing at our Savior.

*Ephesians 2:4-7*

Do you believe that God can use everything that happens in your life for your good and his glory?

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Big Idea:

Every person can grow in their relationship with Jesus when dealing with a need for healing. Our commitment to Jesus does not need to be contingent on our physical condition. God can use everything for our good and his glory.

### Open Up:

Who have you seen experience healing instantly, gradually, or ultimately?

### Discuss:

**Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.**

- ▶ As you read Scripture do you align more with the verses that vulnerably share raw emotion or with the ones exclaiming praise?
- ▶ Paul dealt with a difficulty that God chose to give him the grace to go through (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). What are some reasons God may give grace to go through a difficulty rather than the gift of removing it?
- ▶ In the story of the man at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-14), why did Jesus choose to heal that one man and not the others?
- ▶ What is the difference between the "conforming zone" and the comfort zone?
- ▶ How could our perspective toward difficulty be attractive (or unattractive) to others?

### Engage:

**Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.**

Pastor Matt said roadblocks try to steal your peace, kill your joy, and destroy your hope. What is a roadblock you are facing right now that God wants to meet you in?

What is one practical way you can practice the habit of glancing at sickness but gazing at our Savior?

### Close together in prayer.