

# CELL NOTES 1/10/07

## ICE BREAKER

When you are sick, what are you like? Oscar the grouch, Superman, Rip Van Winkle?

## THEME

Do you want to get well?

Reading John 5 : 1 – 9

## SERMON SYNOPSIS

- 1) A description of Hebden Bridge. “We take pride in our eccentricity.” As Christians we need to be eccentric – self being off-centre so that Jesus can be truly central.
- 2) Jesus’ question in v 6. “Do you want to have your life together?” What makes your life dysfunctional?
- 3) Story of the man who identified work as the main factor in making his life out order – but then could not consider giving it up.
- 4) What’s wrong with us? We are self, not God centred.
- 5) Man in reading had been ill 38 years. He only knew how to be ill – can be the same for us - don’t really know what it would be like to be properly whole.
- 6) Story of counsellor who acknowledged need for people to receive forgiveness. Only Christians can offer that. For many, no concept of what that feels like.
- 7) “People in Hebden Bridge are all searching for something, but if they found it they wouldn’t want it.” Contentment is always just out of reach.
- 8) The man had no concept that Jesus could heal – just wanted Him to stay with him to help him into the pool. We often have an immensely limited concept of God and what He can do.
- 9) Can you teach an old dog new tricks?

## QUESTIONS OF APPLICATION

- 1) Reflect over the weekend. What did you enjoy about it? What did God say to you, or do in your life?
- 2) What adventure do you think the Lord wants you to go on?
- 3) What stops you from being well? What needs to happen to change that?
- 4) How have you changed in the last two years? How available are you to change today?
- 5) How big is your God?