

February 26, 2017
Luke 5:17-26

A TRANSFORMING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

I. Introduction:

II. Unpacking The Passage:

A. Wherever God Is At Work _____ Appear.

17] One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. Luke 5:17

B. Our Deepest Need Is To Be _____.

20] When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "**Friend, your sins are**

forgiven." Luke 5:20

C. The _____ Response To Jesus

21] The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

D. _____ Response To The Critics

22] Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23] Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?"

24] But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 25] Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. 26] Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

III. Conclusion and Application:

A. When We Meet Jesus, We Are Never The Same

The Paralytic's Response to Jesus:

25] Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Luke 5:25

B. The Determination and Faith of The Paralytic's Friends

The Paralytic's Response to Jesus

26] Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today." Luke 5:26

C. Jesus Has Authority to Forgive and Heal

Your Response To Jesus

Have You Received the Forgiveness of God?

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of February 26th to March 3rd
Luke 5:17-26

Open It

1. When was a time you went out of your way to help a friend?
2. In what ways have you seen that "a friend in need is a friend indeed"?
3. *Whom would you describe as having a great deal of faith in God?

Explore It

4. How did Luke describe the crowd that was listening to Jesus? (5:17)
5. Who came to see Jesus, and why did they come? (5:18)
6. Why were the men initially unable to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus? (5:19)
7. *What did the team of men do when they could not find a way through the crowded house? (5:19)
8. What did Jesus acknowledge as the paralytic man was lowered through the roof? (5:20)
9. What were Jesus' first words to the paralytic man? (5:20)
10. Why did the Pharisees and teachers think that Jesus' words to the paralytic man were blasphemous? (5:21)
11. *What did Jesus show by responding to what the Pharisees were thinking? (5:22)

12. What challenging question did Jesus pose to the Pharisees? (5:23)
13. How did Jesus answer His own question? (5:24)
14. What did Jesus prove by healing the paralytic man? (5:24)
15. *How did the paralytic man respond to Jesus' invitation to "get up, take your mat and go home"? (5:25)
16. What was the response of the crowd to what happened that day? (5:26)

Get It

17. *In what ways did the paralytic and his friends demonstrate faith in Christ?
18. Why is it easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven" than to say to a paralyzed person, "You are healed"?
19. In what ways is sin a paralysis?
20. *How is forgiveness a kind of healing?
21. From whom do we need forgiveness?
22. What was Jesus proving about Himself whenever He healed diseases and forgave sinners?
23. How does this incident illustrate the conditions under which forgiveness is given?

Apply It

24. *Who is one friend you could help by a gesture of faith today?