

25. Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man (Luke 5:17-26)

Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery? What was their response?

Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the [Group Guidelines](#)?

Discover

Step 1-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

Step 2-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

Step 3-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

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17One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus. **18**Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, **19**but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. **20**Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven." **21**But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, "Who does he think he is? That's blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" **22**Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? **23**Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? **24**So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" **25**And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. **26**Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today!"

Ask/Answer:

- What does this passage say?
- What do you not understand?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

Respond: If this is true...

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today's discovery?