

Luke Series Slide

Lets get quickly into our text today

We're talking about Leadership this year, giving you some opportunities to grow...

Back in Luke-'ll be highlighting along the way in Luke things that relate to the way God is calling you to step up and step out and take risks and lead.

Today- I'm going to end by inviting you to take another risk- Sharing what God is doing in your life..and in our church. Like in here...today...we're gonna do it.

So as we go through this text today- be sensitive to what God might be calling you to share with the rest of us today-

Ok- here we go.

Luke 5:12

12 While he was in one of the towns, a man was there who had leprosy all over him. He saw Jesus, fell facedown, and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

This isn't just about getting rid of a disease. Leprosy removes a Jewish person from community. You are either on your own, begging on the side of the road, or you are in a leper colony.

You are religiously unclean. No access to the temple or family.

IOW- Notice Spiritual Poverty here. This man is what Jesus describes in the SotM as "Poor in Spirit".

Desperate. Recognizes his limitations. He can only receive grace from Jesus. A healing he can't possibly earn or buy...all he's got is a prayer...and that's all he needs.

5:13-14

13 Reaching out his hand, Jesus touched him, saying, "I am willing; be made clean," and immediately the leprosy left him. 14 Then he ordered him to tell no

one: “But go and show yourself to the priest, and offer what Moses commanded for your cleansing as a testimony to them.”

Jesus has the man go and show himself to the priest in response to Levitical law about admitting a leper back into the community.

Jesus tells the man not to tell other people, because he is on a mission. That mission is not to become as popular as he can. It is rather, at the right time, to die on a cross in the place of humanity. So when he tells this guy to keep it on the DL- he has his mind on his mission and his mission on his mind.

Which- BTW- in other gospel accounts of this story- we get the details that Jesus’ compassion is why he healed this guy...AND that the reason why news of Jesus spread so quickly was because this guy immediately went and told people.

2 things with that-

1) LEADERSHIP- Jesus- great leader- BOTH deeply committed to his mission AND deeply moved and attentive to people who are “detours” from the mission.

2) When this man was healed- he is so stoked about Jesus’ compassion- the grace he received in his spiritual poverty- that he can’t keep it in. EVANGELISM- not something we HAVE to do- something that we GET to do. OVERFLOW.

5:15-16

15 But the news about him spread even more, and large crowds would come together to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16 Yet he often withdrew to deserted places and prayed.

Leadership-

Jesus rhythm of withdraw- “spiritual poverty”- Fill me up/ Relationally connect with the Father

and engage “spiritual Wealth”- Pour it out- give what you’ve been given- even to “hard” or demanding people

Grace- receive- Grit- Pour it out!

Intimacy with God.

Long-suffering with others (Hungry- want to be taught; Hurting- want to be healed)

NEW STORY

5:17-19

17 On one of those days while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea, and also from Jerusalem. And the Lord's power to heal was in him. 18 Just then some men came, carrying on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed. They tried to bring him in and set him down before him. 19 Since they could not find a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the roof tiles into the middle of the crowd before Jesus.

v 17-

Complaining vs Creating

Pharisees are there to check on a problem- eventually to trap vs “some men” are there to be healed. And some men are looking out for others. By themselves. Cultivate in the worship gathering.

LEADERS HAVE AUTHORITY AND VULNERABILITY

The LORDS power to Heal (Authority—**capacity to take meaningful action** and vulnerability- **exposure to meaningful risk**.- Back row Pharisees can criticize away... trying to harm and kill) sitting in judgment and scoffing of the pharisees.

Power to Heal with Lords presence- “Access to same Spirit”- remember-

Luke is a set up for Acts- in which the apostles will do some of these same things.

A lot of what you see Jesus do in Luke- Luke is intentionally showing that Jesus is relying on power and equipping outside of him- the Holy Spirit.

Think about that for your life- the Spiritual wealth.

v 18- Spiritual Poverty (this man needed Jesus)...and there was desperation on the part of the men that carried him..

Spiritual wealth- they didn't make excuses...they made a way- GRIT

5:20

20 Seeing their faith he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

“their faith”- this was collective.

Wasn't just the man. Wasn't just the guys. Together they believed
COMMUNITY

Note the encouragement of people believing WITH you. Grit happens better
TOGETHER

We planted this church WITH A TEAM

STORY- When I missed a flight- a great comfort in knowing that somebody
was in the same boat as me.

Note these guys- don't know the relationship- Could have been his friends.
Could have just met him. Whatever the case- people risked went out of their
way.

ADDITIONALLY- both these stories are about people entering back into a
community that they were shut out of- because of their uncleanness.

These are stories about the necessity and power of Jesus- and of the
community that Jesus makes you a part of.

Notice- Jesus says “your sins are forgiven”

Its strange- this man came for physical healing- but- receives spiritual healing.

The forgiveness of sins is what he REALLY needs...but hard to see that.

GOSPEL- if you are forgiven spiritually- you WILL BE HEALED physically
(explain)

But not necessarily the other way around. (Lazarus is raised- will die again)

5:21

**Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to think to themselves, “Who is this
man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone? ”**

v21- think cynically- in the gray.

They were predisposed because he was a threat.

They were waiting for the mess up

Ok- this stuff he's teaching is actually pretty good. but he'll slip up- and we'll be there to catch him

5:22-25

22 But perceiving their thoughts, Jesus replied to them, "Why are you thinking this in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he told the paralyzed man, "I tell you: Get up, take your stretcher, and go home."

25 Immediately he got up before them, picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God.

v23- trick question-

easier to "say", harder to do

Get up and walk has immediate evidence. Sins forgiven doesn't

So he brings the unseen- into the seen- so that those who cant see- can see the unseen

Luke 5:26

Then everyone was astounded, and they were giving glory to God. And they were filled with awe and said, "We have seen incredible things today."

Went home glorifying God.

Everyone gives glory to God.

"We have seen incredible things"

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