

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

March 4, 2017

Treasuring Jesus: Power and Authority to Change Lives

Text: Luke 5.12-26

Looking into the Text:

1. What is leprosy and all that comes with it? What is so mind blowing about the leper going to Jesus? What do we learn from him (5.12)?
2. How does Jesus respond (5.13)? What is a characteristic of Jesus' healing that we see?
3. Why was it important for Jesus to go to the priest (5.14)? Why did Jesus tell the leper not to tell anyone? Did he listen (5.15)? Can you imagine what the leper went through as he goes back into society?
4. Why does Jesus get away to pray (5.16)?
5. Why did the Pharisees and the scribes find their way to this house (5.17)? Who are these two religious groups and what do they believe that contrasts to Jesus and the gospel? How does religion deflect and distract from Jesus?
6. What does the paralytic and his friends do to get to Jesus (5.18-19)? How does Jesus respond to them (5.20)?
7. What is the conclusion of Jesus' dialogue with the Pharisees and scribes (5.21-25)? What is the difference of the attitude between the scribes and Pharisees compared with the crowd that day (5.25-26)?

Looking Deeper:

1. God uses physical healings to teach spiritual truths. What does He teach through the leper about our spiritual condition (Isaiah 1.4-6) and the power of Jesus to cleanse us (Isaiah 1.18)?
2. How are you doing in the area of find solitude during the day and week? What does your time of getting away from people, technology and calendar to get in the word and prayer look like during the week?
3. The paralytic's friends are willing to do anything for their friend to get him to Jesus. What are impeding factors in our lives that keep us from bringing friends to Jesus?

PRAY:

1. Pray for the group that we would care for the outcasts in our world like Jesus did and have the passionate faith of the paralytic friends'.
2. Pray that our church body would submit our lives to the power and authority of Jesus in our lives and do whatever it takes to tell others about Jesus.

Do: Who is your sphere of influence right now needs to come to Jesus? Ask that friend to come to church next Sunday and invite them to lunch afterwards. Or get together with a friend for coffee this week to share the gospel with. You may want to also look to get some copies of John Piper's "Fifty Reasons Why Christ Died For You" and give them to your friends during this season leading up to Easter.