

Jesus Heals a Paralytic - Luke 5:17-26

Topics: Authority, Barriers, Believers, Commitment, Determination, Effort, Faith, Forgiveness, Healing, Mercy, Miracles, Sickness, Teamwork, Thinking

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?
25. At what time each day this week can you place the needs of your friends before Christ?