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Evangelical Free Church  
of Bloomington/Normal

### Message-Based Questions

Spiritual Disciplines.....Whaaaaat!!?? "Getting Out!" *Luke 5:17-26*

#### Share

Can you think of a time when you did something potentially risky in order to be close to Jesus?

#### Reflect

1. With whom do you identify in this passage – the paralyzed man, his friends, the on-lookers, the owner of the home which had its roof taken apart, Jesus, or the scribes and Pharisees? Why?
2. While God values order (1 Corinthians 14:33,40; Colossians 2:5), he never puts conventional/cultural correctness above love and faith. How do we see this truth in the passage in Luke?
3. How did religious people, even well-meaning people like the disciples, get in the way of Jesus touching people deeply (Mark 3:1-6; Luke 13:14; Matthew 19:14; Luke 18:16; Mark 10:14)? Have you experienced "religion" or "religious people" getting in the way of you connecting deeply with Jesus?
4. The man's friends brought him to be healed of his paralysis. Yet, Jesus' first words weren't "Be healed!" What need did Jesus address first? Why?
5. What drove the friends to carry him to Jesus and act as if his need was more important than Jesus' teaching or anyone else's need? What was Jesus' reaction to their behavior? What are the implications of the friends' behavior for our lives?

#### Apply

1. Who are some friends who need to be brought to Jesus? What risks are you willing to take to lead them to saving faith?
2. Ask God how faith, persistence and teamwork with the church can help you lead people to him.
3. The man who was healed immediately responded to Jesus command, was healed and went home praising God. What healings – spiritual, physical, emotional – can you praise God for this week?
4. After reading the passage in Luke and reviewing Pastor Rick's message, ask yourself, "So what?"

#### Care/Prayer

#### For Further Study

1. Was Jesus implying that the man's paralysis was the result of his sins?
2. Why were the Scribes and Pharisees upset?
3. What were Jesus' purposes in healing the man?
4. What are essential factors for healing to take place in someone's life?