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CHURCH

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¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’ ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.” — **Luke 5:17-26**

We are to be a church that:

1. CARES.
2. COOPERATES.
3. COMMITTS.

Question: Are you part of the CROWD or the COMMITTED ?

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John 13:1-17

- As Jesus was approaching the day of his crucifixion, what was He focused on (**v. 1**)? Did He worry about what He was about to face? Was He in a hurry to accomplish more great things Himself before His time was up? Was He focused on His own pleasure and well-being?
- As we face pressures and struggles in our own lives, what does Jesus’s attitude in these verses show us about how we should live?
- What did Jesus’s love for His disciples lead Him to do for them (**v. 4-5**)? Why were the disciples appalled by this?
- How was Jesus’s foot-washing sacrificial? How can sacrificial giving/serving spring out of love (**John 15:13**)?
- What lesson was Jesus teaching by washing His disciples’ feet (**v. 13-15**)? What are some practical ways that we can live this out and “wash one another’s feet”?
- Jesus said that He has given us an example by how He lived. What are some of the examples Jesus gave us that we should follow?
- Are there any prerequisites to serving God (**John 12:26** and **1 Corinthians 13:3**)? How do those two verses relate to each other?
- What does Jesus promise to those who follow His example (**v. 17**)? Is it enough to only understand His example with our minds?
- What types of blessings do you think we’ll receive if we follow Jesus’s example? Have you ever felt blessed when you are giving and/or serving? How?