



**MONTEREY
CHURCH**
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SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE

WELCOME

Who were your 3 closest friends in high school? What is one memorable prank you pulled off together?

WORSHIP

Listen to "My Father's World" - Chris Tomlin
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgEMJvcr_nE

WORD

Message Title: "Forgiveness = Healing" | Luke: Good News for Broken People (Part 14) | Pastor Bryan James, 8/23/26

Scriptures: Luke 5:12-32

1. What part of the message or passage stood out to you this week? Why?
2. **Read Luke 5:12-16.** By touching the leper before he heals him, what is Jesus demonstrating? Have you ever felt shunned like a leper?
3. What point is Jesus making about his willingness to heal and faith? What insights can we gain about how to approach God in our time of need of healing and deliverance?
4. **Read vv.17-20.** What do you notice about the actions and faith of the group of friends who brought the paralytic to Jesus for healing? Do you approach God with a similar expectancy?
5. The man came for healing, so why did Jesus raise the issue of forgiveness?
 - *God sees all; He is omnipresent; present at all places, at all times*—Does this comfort you or make you un-comfortable? Why?
6. **Read vv.21-26.** What new revelation of Jesus' power and authority is demonstrated here? What motivates the Pharisees to respond as they do?
7. **Read vv.27-32.** Why choose Levi? How might the disciples feel about Jesus' choice? What point is Jesus making here?
8. What is God impressing upon you after Sunday's message about forgiveness and healing? What do you think is your faithful, (immediate) obedient response to His words?
9. How can the group encourage and pray for you this week?

WITNESS

Tell somebody the Good News you have heard so far through this sermon series.

CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.
Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.