BATTLE READY



Luke: Battle Ready (Jan. 3 to 31)

We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke (we began with our "Hindsight Is 20/20" Christmas series in Dec. 2020). "Battle Ready" takes us from Luke 3:1 through 5:26. From John the Baptist preparing the way, to the call of the 12 disciples, we'll see the start of Jesus' ministry as recorded by Luke in his gospel account.

Group Discussion

Main Text: Luke 5:12-26

Getting started: On a scale of 1-10 how risky are you? 1: Play it safe. 10: Throw caution to the wind.

- 1. Read Luke 5:12. What do you think it would feel like to have leprosy, not only physically, but emotionally and socially? When have you experienced loneliness or isolation?
- 2. What stands out to you about the way the man with leprosy approaches Jesus? Why was this such a bold move? Have you ever had an, "if you are willing," conversation with God?
- 3. Read Luke 5:13. How does Jesus choose to heal the man? Imagine how the man felt at the touch of Jesus. What in your own life, or someone else's life, do you need Jesus to touch?
- 4. Read Luke 5:14. Why does Jesus tell the man to tell no one about the miracle? How would you have responded if you had just performed a miracle?
- 5. Read Luke 5:17-20. What stands out to you about this story? What would you have done if you were the four friends trying to get your buddy to Jesus? Why do you think Jesus forgave his sins before healing his paralysis?

6. In both stories, people made bold moves, into an unknown future, based on reliable information. What was bold about their moves? What was unknown about their future? What was the reliable information they based their decision on? When have you made a bold move into an unknown future, based on reliable information?

Next Steps

Faith is a bold move into an unknown future, based on reliable information.

- 1. Make a bold ask: What bold request is God prompting you to make?
- 2. Make a bold invite: Who is God prompting you to boldly invite?
- 3. Make a bold move: What step of faith is God prompting you to boldly take?



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