



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // LUKE 5:12-26

1. Think through this past week. How did you see God at Work in you and/or around you?
2. Today we learn about Jesus' authority to heal. Share a time when you believe Jesus healed you or someone you know/love. Do you believe Jesus has authority to heal even today? How so?
3. The first healing is of a man with leprosy. What is leprosy? What physical, emotional, social and spiritual implications were there on the person with leprosy? Though this disease is rare today, there are still people/groups who are outcasts to society. Who are they? Why are they cast out?
4. Jesus didn't just heal the man with words. He touched him. It was unthinkable. Some people are in need not just of healing words but also a healing touch. How should this inform our mission?
5. The Law required the leper to go to a priest and undergo the purification/sacrificial rituals. (cf Lev 14:1-32) How do these rituals point to the person and work of Christ? How does he fulfill them?
6. In Luke 5:16 we see Jesus go away to the desolate place to pray. As his influence and popularity grew so also did his time alone with the Father. Why is this important? How do you ensure you're spending adequate time with God in the midst of a busy life and noisy culture?
7. The paralytic would've never been healed had it not been for the people who carried him in on the bed. What are you willing to do to bring your friends to Jesus? Some people will only be healed if you personally bring them before the Lord. How can we effectively do this today?
8. There's a contrast between Jesus and the Pharisees in this text. We'll examine this more in the coming weeks. In what ways can Christians today still be like the Pharisees from Jesus' day?
9. Jesus healed the paralytic in response to his faith. What role does our faith play when asking Jesus to heal? What about when Jesus doesn't heal? Did we not have enough faith? Discuss.
10. Why does Jesus forgive the paralytic's sin? What effect does that have? What is Luke trying to show us through it all? (specifically narrow in on what it says about the authority/divinity of Jesus)
11. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take so that you effectively apply the Word of God to your life? How can we help? How can we pray for you?