Philadelphia Church

Helping Others Find Jesus
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Luke 5:17-26

One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

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20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

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24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Mark 8:36

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another"

"There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up"

"Character can be determined by how we treat people we think we don't need"

Purpose

Love God, love others, then do everything we can to bring others closer to God.

2nd Corinthians 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

On Social Media

Look at others as Souls not as people. It will change how you think and interact with everyone.

Luke 5:20

When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

"Withhold no part of the precious truth, but speak what you know and declare what you have seen. Do not allow the toil or Darkness or possible unbelief of your friends to dissuade you. Let us rise and March to the place of Duty, and there declare what great things God has shown to our soul"

- A. Begg

"The Lord is glorified when great things are done through us" - C. McDowell