

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 24, 2008

Passage: Luke 5:17-26

Memory Passage: Luke 19:10

**TODAY:** From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:17-26.** What city was Jesus staying in at this point (Mk. 2:1)? What are some significant events that have already taken place there (Lk. 4:31-36, 38-40; Mt. 4:18-22)?
- (b) What was Jesus doing (Lk. 5:17)? Where was Jesus teaching (Mk. 2:1)? What is the one thing that seems to be priority in the ministry of Jesus?
- (c) Who were the noted audience of Jesus teaching (Lk. 5:17)? Where had some of these religious leaders come from? What motivated these men to be there?
- (d) What has to be present for healing to take place in the lives and hearts of people (vs. 17)? Is the power of God sufficient to bring healing to the Pharisees and Scribes?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 5:17 Talk as a family about the importance of the teachings of scripture. Explain how important it is to have right motives in learning scripture—unlike the Pharisees and Scribes. Discuss the power of God and healing—physical and spiritual.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:17-26.** In verse 18 there were some men carrying a paralytic on a bed. What was their destination? Why would they want to lay him before Jesus?
- (b) What motivated these men to get the paralytic to Jesus? What should motivate us to bring people to Jesus (2 Cor. 5:14-20)?
- (c) Did these men encounter any hindrances in trying to get him to Jesus? What were they? Will we also encounter hindrances in bringing people to Christ? Explain.
- (d) Did these men give up? What extreme measure did they take? Should we give up on bringing people to Christ when the going gets tough? What measures should we take?
- (e) If other people (the crowd) are a hindrance, what can we do to get them beyond the crowd?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 5:18-19 Discuss the labor and difficulties in helping people to come to saving faith. Share about our responsibility to share the gospel with them, to teach them and to pray for them.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:17-26** In verse 20 what was the primary element that caused these men to go through such extremes to get the paralytic to Jesus? Does this indicate that the faith of others is instrumental in bringing about the work of God in a person (Mt. 8:5-13; Mk. 5:21-24,35-41)?
- (b) Is it always necessary for others to have faith for a person to be healed? Can an individual have faith to be healed (Mk. 5:25-34)? Is the faith of individuals and others always necessary for Jesus to heal (Mk. 3:1-5)?
- (c) When faith is mentioned, what is the object of that faith? In Acts 3:6 what was the object of Peter's faith?
- (d) Is faith pleasing to God (Hebrews 11:6)? In Luke 5:20 whose faith does Jesus see? Is this pleasing to Jesus? How can we be pleasing to God? What always has to be present for healing to take place? Lk. 5:17)?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 5:17-26.** In verse 20 what is the ultimate miracle that takes place? Why is it more important for sins to be forgiven than a physical healing to take place?
- (b) How might this paralytic's physical condition picture someone's spiritual condition? Are we too totally dependant upon the mercy and grace of God for spiritual healing to take place in our lives?
- (c) What did the scribes and Pharisees do when they heard Jesus say He forgave this man's sin? Were they not accurate in saying "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Why did they have such an issue with Jesus when He had said this?
- (d) Why does Jesus have the authority to forgive sin (Jn.1:1,14; Mt.28:18)? Does Jesus' authority over all things give him the same authority as God? Why?
- (e) How does Jesus know what the scribes and Pharisees are thinking (Ps. 139:2; Ps. 94:11; Is.66:18a)? In John 21:17b did Peter understand Jesus was all knowing? How should knowing God is omniscient impact our lives?

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 5:17-26.** Why did Jesus say he healed the paralytic? How did this validate Him in having authority to forgive sins? What was the primary purpose for healing of the paralytic?
- (b) When Jesus spoke to the paralytic, how quickly did he respond? How did he when Jesus healed him?
- (c) Should we also glorify God when He does amazing things in our life? Explain.
- (d) What was the reaction of the crowd when the paralytic was healed? What can we learn from this?

**DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

*Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Read Luke 5:17-26. How should faith motivate us in bringing others to Christ? How is faith a factor in healing? Which is more important—physical healing or spiritual healing? Pray for people who have never had their sins forgiven to be made able to experience this wonderful miracle.

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***Authority over Sin***

*“Friend your sins are forgiven you.”*