



Life Group
Sermon Guide Questions
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Friends of a Paralytic

Luke 5:17-26

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Read Luke 5:17-26

1. What specific physical, social, and emotional barriers did the friends face when trying to get to Jesus, and how did their response demonstrate their faith?
2. Look at verse 20. The text says, "When Jesus saw their faith..." What does this tell us about the role of community and the impact our faith can have on others?
3. The friends came for a physical healing, but Jesus first says, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." Why do you think Jesus prioritized addressing the man's spiritual condition before his physical paralysis?
4. Jesus asks, "Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?'" (v. 23). What is Jesus demonstrating to the religious leaders by healing the man immediately after forgiving his sins?

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5. Think about your own circle of influence. Who is someone in your life right now who is spiritually, emotionally, or physically "paralyzed" and needs help being carried to Jesus? Maybe that person is you?

6. The friends could not get through the door because of the crowd in their way. What modern-day "crowds" (such as busyness, fear of awkwardness, or cultural pressures) are currently stopping people from "bringing people to Christ"?

7. The friends were willing to cause a disruption and risk embarrassment to get their friend the help he needed. What is one bold, specific action you can take this week to advocate for someone else's spiritual breakthrough?



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