

Jesus as told by Luke
Week's Reading: Luke 5:12-7:17
Discussion Guide: January 22, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: *I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. - Psalm 119:10-11*

In what way did you battle temptation this past week?

OPEN:

- This week's reading is loaded with significant texts, what stood out most to you from this week's reading?
 - o What challenged your mindset or actions?
 - o What did you need reminded of most?

- What questions about the text do you have?

READ and ASK: Luke 5:15-27

- Jesus surely knew that as his ministry began he was going to face great opposition. What does it teach us that he frequently separated himself to spend time with God?
 - o If Jesus felt the need to stop (during what was surely a busy schedule) to spend time with God, why should we make that a priority?

- How did the paralytic and his friends demonstrate faith in Jesus?
 - o What does it look like for us to demonstrate that same sort of faith today?

- The man was brought for physical healing, so why did Jesus raise the issue of forgiveness of sins?
 - o How do you think the friends reacted to this?
 - o In what way is sin a paralysis?

- What was Jesus proving about Himself whenever He healed diseases and forgave sinners?
 - o What motivates the Pharisees to respond as they do?

APPLY:

- Using the people in this story illustratively, who do you identify with most? The Pharisees (just follow the rules, wrong sense of the Kingdom), the paralytic (in desperate need of spiritual healing), the friends (desperately wanting to get a friend to Jesus), or the crowd (just observing)?

- Name three friends (first names) who need to be pointed to Jesus.
 - o How can you do that with the urgency (yet gently and carefully) of the friends in this text?
 - o NEXT STEP: Set a reminder on your phone for the same time every day to pray for these friends and be ready to respond to the opportunities God places before you.

Memory Work:

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." - Luke 5:31-32

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 7:18-8:18