

Water of Life Community Church

THE WONDER OF GOD

WEEK 3

LUKE 5:12-32

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

When talking about His mission on earth, Jesus said, “The healthy don’t need a doctor, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:31-32). As the Great Physician, Jesus offers the solution to our spiritual sickness—His forgiveness and grace. At the same time, Jesus cares for the total person, as evidenced by His healing of the sick in the Gospels.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ LUKE 5:12-16.

- a. What did the leper believe to be true about Jesus (v. 12)?
- b. Based on what you know about leprosy, why is it worth noting that Jesus “reached out his hand and touched the man” (v. 13)? Read Leviticus 13:1-2,45-46 for insight.
- c. What do you think Jesus’ touch meant to the leper?

2. READ LUKE 5:17-26.

- a. What’s the biggest miracle in the story of the paralyzed man? Explain.
- b. Why did Jesus forgive the man’s sins before healing his physical paralysis? How have you seen God’s miraculous work of forgiveness in your life?
- c. What can we learn about compassion from the paralytic man’s friends?
- d. The paralyzed man’s friends showed great determination in bringing their friend to Jesus. How far would you go to meet people’s needs?

e. Ask a volunteer to read aloud Luke 4:32-36 to recall the kind of authority Jesus had already demonstrated. What new realm of authority did Jesus now reveal? How did the Pharisees respond to this authoritative act (v. 21)?

f. Do you find it harder to address someone's spiritual needs or physical needs? Why?

g. How might we, like the Pharisees, paralyze ourselves by determining what Jesus can and cannot do? What's the cure for that paralysis?

3. READ LUKE 5:27-32.

a. What did Jesus do to upset the Pharisees? Why did they react the way they did?

b. What truth did Jesus teach the Pharisees? What might He say to you because of this truth?

c. Who do you relate to more in this story—the tax collectors and sinners or the Pharisees? Why?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

The friends of the paralytic saw Jesus as their healer. What would change in your life this week if you truly saw Jesus as the Healer?

In what situation might the Spirit be leading you to adopt new vision, hope, or opportunity?

What could our group do together to meet people's needs and bring them to Jesus, like the paralytic man's friends?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Has there ever been a time where you prayed for healing, whether for yourself or someone else? What happened?

RESPOND

- Invite the Holy Spirit to empower you with courage to take risks this week.

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MEMORY VERSE

Luke 5:31-32, Christian Standard Version (CSV)

Jesus replied to them, "It is not those who are healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

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