

“FRIEND, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN”

Luke 5:12-26

Key Verse: 5:20

“When Jesus saw their faith, he said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven.’”

1. How does Luke describe the man whom Jesus met (12a)? In what ways could leprosy be compared to sin (Lev 13:45-46; Ps 51:2)? How did he plead for Jesus’ mercy (12b)? How did Jesus demonstrate his willingness and mercy (13)?
2. How did Jesus care for the man after healing his leprosy (14)? What happened in Jesus’ ministry after this (15)? In the midst of busy ministry activity, what did Jesus often do (16)? Why is it important to make time for personal prayer?
3. Who came to Jesus and from where (17a)? What was Jesus empowered to do (17b)? What remarkable thing did some men do for a paralyzed man (18-19)? What can we learn from them?
4. Read verse 20. How did Jesus see their actions? What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man and why were these unexpected words? What does this tell us about Jesus and what we really need?
5. What did the religious leaders think and why (21)? How did Jesus challenge their secret thoughts (22-23)? What did Jesus want them and us to know (24a)? How did Jesus demonstrate that he has authority to forgive sins (24b-26)?