



PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE

JANUARY 20, 2019

TAKEAWAY:

Jesus' divine authority and goodness were proven in His healing of the paralytic. Jesus spent much of his time restoring broken things, according to the will of God.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:

Jesus is trustworthy to heal our sin-sickness. The brokenness that is caused by sin will be used for his glory no matter the outcome of it. Further, we can be assured that there will be no brokenness in eternity spent with Him.

GOSPEL CONNECTION:

The mission of God is to restore the broken ones and not just provide a comfortable place for the blessed ones (see John 9:1-5).

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Have you ever been in a situation where you felt completely helpless? A situation in which you felt as though you had absolutely no control?
- 2 What did you do? What happened?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

> Read Luke 5:17-19.

17 One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

- What ability did the paralytic man have to bring himself to Jesus? Why is this significant? How is this connected to our ability to gain salvation for ourselves?
- How did the men finally get the paralytic to Jesus? What does this teach us about the lengths we should be willing to go to share Jesus with others?
- Why do you think we aren't given more detail about these men?

> Read the Luke 5:20.

20 *When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."*

- Why was it necessary that Jesus first addressed the man's sin before addressing His physical need?
- What is our responsibility to meet physical needs if our priority is to be spiritual needs?

> Read Luke 5:21-26.

21 *The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"*

22 *Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."*

- If God controls all things, how are we to think about suffering and hardship?
- Does God have control over the schemes of the Devil?
- What is God's ultimate purpose in suffering and tragedy?

APPLICATION

- 1 How can you sacrifice yourself for the good of others? What are some specific ways, today that you can give of yourself to bless others?
- 2 How can we seek to serve others in both their spiritual and physical needs?
- 3 How has God used suffering in your life? How might this be used to point others to Him?

THIS WEEK

- Memorize Luke 5:20
- Read Luke 3:1-38 on Monday
- Read Luke 4:1-30 on Tuesday
- Read Luke 4:31-44 on Wednesday
- Read Luke 5:1-16 on Thursday
- Read Luke 5:27-39 on Friday
- Read Luke 6:1-19 on Saturday