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Sermon Discussion Questions
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Luke 5: 17-26
Authority to Restore
Dr. Clay Smith

- The friends of the paralyzed man went to extraordinary lengths to bring him to Jesus, believing he was the only one who could restore him. What does their persistence and faith teach us about how we can seek Jesus in desperate or seemingly impossible situations?
- Where in your life do you find it hardest to believe that Jesus truly has the authority to restore? Maybe in your heart, your circumstances, or your relationships? What makes trust difficult there?
- The paralyzed man was brought to Jesus by his friends. Who has helped carry you spiritually when your faith was weak, and how might God be calling you to help carry someone else right now?
- The sermon reminds us that faith is not negotiating with God or demanding to understand his plan, but trusting his heart and authority. What would it look like for you this week to “get back on the mat” and come to Jesus with honest trust that you are His and He is yours?