

Sermon Title: Life in the Kingdom: A Life of Healing

Sermon Scripture: Luke 5:17-26



Sermon Discussion Guide (4/06)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read Luke 5:17-26 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

How do the men bring the paralyzed man to Jesus? What do you think would have happened if this paralyzed man did not have friends who were willing to do these things?

How specifically did Jesus bring healing to the paralyzed man? How does the paralyzed man react to the healing that Jesus gives to Him?

What do verses 25-26 reveal to us about the purposes or reasons why Jesus heals others?

Read James 5:16. What does this verse reveal to us about the kind of relationships that we should have with other Christ followers? What does this verse reveal to us about the specific actions we should take as we meet in these relationships?

Application

Why do you think that you are often hesitant to acknowledge the reality of your pain? How does this denial keep you from living in the wholeness that begins by bringing our brokenness to Jesus?

Who do you have in your life who would carry you to Jesus? Who would you carry to Jesus? If you do not have any people like this in your life, would you be willing to start a small group or set of intentional relationships with other Christ followers? Why or why not?

Healing brings new life. In what ways has God healed you? How might you be able to use your story of how God has healed you in order to share your faith with someone else?

At the end of his sermon, Pastor Kenny encouraged us to bring our pain to Jesus so that we can be healed. What pain do you need to offer to Jesus?

Prayer

Praise God that He is the Great Physician who heals us of our brokenness and makes us whole. Ask God for forgiveness for any sin you have been convicted of during this time. Thank God for the ways that He is already at work in our lives and the ways that He has already used other people to reveal Himself and His presence to us. Ask God how we may better live into our relationships with others so that we can together seek His presence and, through His grace, find true redemption and hope.