

Home Group Discussion Questions

Sunday January 30th

Luke 5:17-26

Ice-breaker: What makes a good friend?

Question: Was there anything that particularly spoke to you in the sermon this Sunday? Or that you disagreed with or were confused about?

A. Intro and Summary:

This Sunday we considered Jesus healing the paralyzed man whose friends lowered him down through the roof. The main points Martin made were:

1. **Not everyone's happy about Jesus**
2. **Getting through the crowd**
3. **Jesus: Who does He think he is?**
4. **Your problem is not your problem**
5. **The Joy of forgiveness**

Not everyone's happy about Jesus

For references to what Jesus has to say to the Pharisees see also Matt 15:1-9; Matt 23:1-5.

Question: Where were the Pharisees going wrong? (Think about how they responded to Jesus and the things they told people to do)

Question: How can we become like the Pharisees in our own Christian experience?

Question: How do we make sure we do not become like the Pharisees had become?

Getting through the crowd

Question: Why are friends such as those that the paralyzed man had so crucial?

(Consider Proverbs 18:24; Eccl 4:9; Prov 17:17)

Question: How can we show faith on behalf of others?

Jesus: Who does He think he is?

Question: what point did Jesus want to draw from this incident when he said to Pharisees '...which is easier to say? "Your sins are forgiven!" or "Get up, take your mat, and go home?"

Question: Why did Jesus use the term "Son of Man" rather than "Son of God" or "Messiah"?

(See Daniel 7:13-14)

Your problem is not your problem

Question: Before Jesus sorted out the paralyzed man's physical issues, he sorted out his spiritual issues. Why did Jesus do it in this order do you think?

The Joy of forgiveness

Question: Why is knowing that you are forgiven such a joy? What does it mean to you?