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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

- 01** Print the PDF.
-or-
- 02** Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.
-or-
- 03** Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of April 10th // Conversation: April 16th

Jesus heals a paralytic

In today's devotional, we're going to take a look at a scene that occurs when word is getting around about how Jesus is healing many who are sick and infirm. Jesus moves mightily, but not in a way that you'd expect. Let's take a look, shall we?

pray.

Whenever you sit down to spend time in the Bible, it's a good idea to talk to it's Author first. This is a book that you can understand because God has given His Holy Spirit to you when you believed in Him by faith. The Holy Spirit is your Counselor, Helper (John 14:26), Teacher and Guide. Ask Him to open your mind to understand what you're about to study. Ask Him to draw out the things that pertain to you and your walk with God. Time spent in God's Word is NEVER wasted! It always returns dividends.

observe.

Using different colors, mark the following keywords in the text that has been printed out for you below. Make sure you mark only 1 word at a time as you read through. When you're finished, you should have read through this section several times.

01 Mark every reference to Jesus with a cross.



02 Mark every reference to God with a triangle.



03 Underline every reference to a place/location. This could be a village name like "Galilee", or a general reference, like "up on the roof" or "through the tiles".

04 Put a number **4** over every reference to forgive

Luke 5:17-26 (ESV)

At this point in Jesus's ministry, he had healed a man with leprosy and word was getting around about Him and how He was healing people of their infirmities.

¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."



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01

Why was Jesus able to heal during this time? Verse 17 gives you a hint.

02

What was wrong with the man who was brought to Jesus?

03

Why did his friends take him up onto the roof? What kind of picture does this paint for you? What was this scene like?

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- 04** What was the first thing Jesus said to the man when he saw his faith? Do you think this was the answer the man was hoping for? Why do you think Jesus said this instead of, “You’re healed”?

- 05** What was Jesus implying when He said the man’s sins were forgiven? Look at the reaction of the Pharisees in verse 21. Were they wrong in what they were saying?

- 06** Why did Jesus also heal the man physically? Look at verse 24.

- 07** How long did it take for the healing to occur? Look at verse 25.

bring it together.

Word was getting around about Jesus and how He was healing many people who were infirm. Isn't that just like today? Word definitely gets around when God is on the move! It got so intense that a group of friends broke through the roof of a house just to get their paralyzed friend into the presence of Jesus. They believed by faith that if they could just get him near Jesus, he would be made well.

Oh how Jesus one-upped them! Being paralyzed wasn't what the man needed to be healed of. He needed his soul to be healed and his sins to be forgiven. That's where the greater emphasis was! But just to prove that He was the Son of God, and He did have (and still does) the authority to forgive sins, Jesus healed the man physically and caused him to walk again.

Do you trust God to be at work in your life in this way? Perhaps you've gone to Him for one thing but He responds in a way you didn't expect. Do you trust that His ways are for your good? That He is at work in your life in the most perfect way possible? We believe that for you, friend! We're praying for you!

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