

Message Notes

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The Life of Christ: Our Most Immediate Need

Luke 5:17-26

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◆ Jesus _____ with authority and had _____ many.

Pharisees and Teachers of the Law:

One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. *Luke 5:17*

- ◆ They were always _____ Jesus – scrutinizing and questioning.
- ◆ They were the _____ studied, _____ religious, _____ important.
- ◆ They were not _____ to, and did not believe that Jesus was _____.
- ◆ They taught a _____ religion of heritage and _____.

The Healing of Forgiveness:

When Jesus saw their faith He said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven. *Luke 5:20*”

- ◆ The paralyzed man’s most immediate problem was not his paralysis, it was his _____ from God.
- ◆ The healing of forgiveness of sin (the Gospel of Jesus) is God’s greatest _____ because it meets our greatest _____.
- ◆ Luke compares the faithlessness of the Pharisees to the _____ of the men.
- ◆ By forgiving the man, Jesus claims to be _____/have authority over _____.
- ◆ The ability of the paralyzed man to be healed and walk is a picture of what Jesus does when He _____ us.

Our Most Immediate Need:

- ◆ If you are not yet a follower of Jesus – your greatest need is the _____ – the forgiveness of sins.
- ◆ If you are a follower of Jesus – your greatest need is the _____ – to remember who God is and your identity in Christ – you are forgiven.

When I forget:

- God’s wisdom, I worry.
- God’s sovereignty, I get anxious.
- That God is in control, I try to grasp at things instead of trust Him.
- God’s grace (a gift given freely to me), I think I can earn God’s love by how hard I work for Him.
- God’s grace, I think God owes me.
- God’s mercy (not getting what I deserve), I get resentful of others.
- God’s forgiveness, I don’t forgive others.
- God’s patience with me, I get impatient towards my kids, wife and others.
- God’s goodness, I think He is holding out on me.
- God’s love, I don’t love others the way He wants me to.
- God’s kindness, I view Him as big brother waiting to hammer me.
- How God disciplines me, I discipline my children inappropriately and use power, manipulation, fear, guilt and shame to get them to do what I want.
- God doesn’t hold my sin over my head, I hold on to grudges.
- That only God satisfies, I turn to idols.
- God’s faithfulness in the past, I don’t think He wants to answer my prayers or wants to be involved in my life now.
- God’s humility, I believe power is the way to accomplish things.
- God never gave up on me, I give up on praying for lost family members and friends.
- God wants me to talk to him and ask for Help, I come up with my own clever plans.