

# Healing the Paralytic

Luke 5:17-26

## WE NEED TO BE ON A MISSION

- “Just then some men came, carrying on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed. They tried to bring him in and set him down before him.” (Luke 5:18)
- **When we get off course from our mission statement, we are not doing what we were created to do.**
- “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10).

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- **What drives you?**
- **What things, spiritually, has God put on your heart that you long to see come to fruition in your lifetime?**
- **Do you have kingdom dreams (such as people coming to faith in Christ), or are your dreams all tied to this life?**
- **When was the last time you stopped to think about those dreams?**

## WE NEED TO HAVE AN EAGER EXPECTATION

- “Since they could not find a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the roof tiles into the middle of the crowd before Jesus.” (Luke 5:19)
- **Because we now live on the other side of Jesus’ work on the cross and through the empty tomb, our expectations of what God can and will do should be even greater.**

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- **Do you have an eager expectation of someone coming to faith?**
- **Does your eager expectation move you to action?**

## WE WILL ENCOUNTER OBSTACLES

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### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- **What obstacles have derailed you from the mission?**
- **What would it look like for you to dig a hole in the roof?**

## PREPARE FOR GOD TO DO MORE THAN YOU EXPECTED

- “Seeing their faith he said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven.’” (Luke 5:20)
- **Don’t settle for the mundane when Jesus wants the miraculous.**

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- **How did others play a role in your trusting in Jesus?**
- **In what ways has Jesus transformed your life?**
- **Why would you not long for this same type of transformation in others?**

**It’s time to start casting our nets. Who’s the one you’re going to go after? Who’s your one?**

## CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

### Icebreaker:

- If you had the opportunity to go on an exciting excursion, what friend would you take with you, and why?

### Start thinking:

- What stands out to you as you read Luke 5:17-26?
- What does it mean to “be on mission” as discussed in the sermon?
- Why do you think Jesus forgave the crippled man’s sins BEFORE he healed him physically?

### Start sharing. Discuss in depth to create openness.

- Discuss the primary mission of every Christian and why it is so important.
- How do you deal with the obstacles that get in the way of you fulfilling your mission?
- Have you identified your One? If so, how have you begun preparing and moving into action?
- How can others in this group help you fulfill God’s mission to reach your One? To reach even more?

### Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

- Heavenly Father, I thank you for the privilege of knowing you. My heart is to see many more come to faith in Jesus as their Savior. I ask that you help me to stay on mission and to have the words to say to \_\_\_\_\_ (the name of your One). Prepare their heart to receive the message of the Gospel, and guide me as I pray for them, serve them, and share with them. In Jesus’ Name. - Amen