

## **Jesus Heals & Forgives**

Group Study Guide  
*Gospel of Luke Series*

**Main text:** Luke 5:12-26

This weekend, Pastor Cherryse preached through 2 significant healing stories. In each encounter with Jesus, there is more healing and restoration going on than simply physical need. Jesus is restoring the man with leprosy to community and forgiving the sins of the paralytic. When we pray for healing today, we may or may not see the physical healing we so desire, that's up to God. However, we can have confidence in the forgiveness of our sins.

### **Questions:**

- Read the first story, Luke 5:12-15. The man covered in leprosy cried out to Jesus: "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Have you ever cried out to God for something like this man did? Explain.
- When Jesus healed him, how was his life changed? What other benefits came to him besides the physical healing?
- Why do you think Jesus told him not to tell anyone about the healing?
- Read the second story, Luke 5:13-26. What are the contrasting goals of the Pharisees and the friends of the paralytic for approaching Jesus?
- In your faith journey right now, do you identify more with the friends who brought the paralytic to Jesus, or the paralytic himself? Why?
- Why do you think Jesus tells the paralytic that his sins are forgiven when he had come for a healing?
- What is this teaching us about Jesus and his role in salvation?
- Do you find it harder to believe that God can heal or that God can forgive? Why?