

Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

SSBC Luke Bible Study #12

Passage: Luke 5:17-26

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Introduction:

Jesus' ministry is beginning to attract the attention of the Jewish leaders who will soon threaten his very life, but he continues to preach, heal, and attract a following. He has apparently established a new home base in Capernaum, where he returns as this week's story begins. Two key terms to be familiar with in this week's text are:

Pharisee – a member of a small party of religious authorities who believed in and enforced strict adherence to the scriptures, such as rules about what was not permissible to do on the Sabbath. To ensure the law was not broken, they developed rules even more stringent than the scriptures, to serve as a “hedge” of protection.

Blasphemy – challenging or offending God's sovereignty or majesty, considered by the Pharisees to be the worst sin one could commit.

As you turn now to the story of the paralytic who was healed by Jesus, consider first your own condition. What do you wish you could be healed from? Perhaps a current or chronic medical condition? Or maybe there's an attitude or habit of yours which you wish God would change for you, because your efforts to do so haven't worked. Take time now to talk to God and ask him to speak to you about your condition via this week's study.

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3. Next, use this chart to **interpret some key observations**.

a. Select a few of your observations & questions from pages 2-3 that you find most interesting or important. Rewrite these below, and interpret and apply them using the columns to the right.

b. For each observation, begin to interpret by asking yourself these kinds of questions:

- What does it mean?
- Why is this important?
- What does this tell me about the Father? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- Are there other scriptures that could help me understand this?

Observation What does it say?	Interpretation What does it mean?

4. Now consider how you can **apply** the Word to your life. Look for:

- **S**ins to avoid
- **P**romises to believe
- **E**xamples to follow (remember "SPECK")
- **C**ommands to obey
- **K**nowledge to share

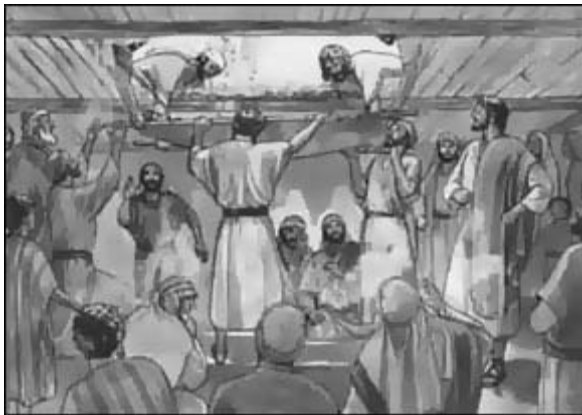
Don't just write things to write them – listen carefully to God's Word and what he seems to be teaching you, and look for relevant things that you're truly stirred to do. Then as you do them, God will help you learn, grow, and help others grow.

Application How do I apply what it means?

Stretch Your Thinking:

5. Imagine you were one of the people present during this incident. What might it have felt like to be ...

- a. The Owner of the House
- b. The Teacher?
- c. The Paralytic?
- d. One of the Friends?
- e. Someone in the Room?



6. What do we learn from this story about Jesus' authority?

7. Why do you think Jesus forgave the man's sins before healing his body? What are the implications of this for our lives?

8. In verse 20, whose faith did Jesus see?

a. What was done that demonstrated that faith?

b. Presently, in terms of your faith, who do you feel the most like:

- The paralytic?
- One of the friends who lowered him?
- Someone in the house watching Jesus?
- Someone not even in the scene?

c. Why do you feel this way?

d. How could you exercise more boldness & persistence in bringing someone else before Jesus or more fully entrusting someone to Jesus' care? What specific step might you take to do so this week?

9. What was the most interesting or stirring thing you learned from this study? Who might you share that with this week?