



DIGGING DEEPER

Luke 5v17-26 Encounters with Christ
Paralysed Man

PLEASE READ – Luke 5v17-26

GETTING STARTED

What is mankind's greatest need? Talk about that question and how your answer to it may have changed over the years...

SETTING THE SCENE (v17)

Why is it important to understand the make-up of the crowd? Why does Luke highlight the presence of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law?

Why is the second part of v17 also important?

1) THE PRIORITY OF JESUS (v18-20)

What is so remarkable about the response of Jesus to the faith of these men?

Why does Jesus by-pass the very obvious physical need?

Do you live and pray like the forgiveness of sin is man's greatest need? Discuss...

Talk about the determination of these men to bring their friend to Jesus. What are the implications for you and your own evangelism today?

2) THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS (v21-26)

What's good and what's bad about the Pharisees response in v21?

What evidence do we see in this encounter for the deity of Jesus? Don't let that evidence wash over you. Talk about its significance...

Why did Jesus heal the paralysed man? (See also Luke 4v16-21)

What is the answer to Jesus' question in v23?

Forgiveness isn't cheap...

Meditate on the words below...

Hebrews 9v22: *In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*