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Bible Study:



Read Luke 5:12-26; Matt. 9:2-8; Mark 2:3-12. Meditate on Jesus' healing touch. These two healings point to very deep need. Lepers were ostracized and had to constantly shout out to others, "Beware, I'm unclean. Don't touch me." The paralytic was completely reliant upon the men who brought him to see Jesus.

The gospel in the story:



These accounts show a vivid difference between being sick and REAL sick. In both accounts, Jesus healed their physical ailments, but **MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY**, he ministered to their **spiritual sickness**. In the case of the leper, Jesus ordered him to obey the Mosaic Law, and in the case of the healing of the paralytic He straight up forgave the man's sins **and by doing so put himself above the Mosaic Law and equal to God**. He did this in full view of the Pharisees and teachers of the law. Jesus' clear purpose was to remove all doubt of His Deity when He proved His authority not just to heal physical ailments, but to Forgive sin! True followers of Jesus recognize Him as not just Godly, or special, but AS GOD. And He came to earth to live a sinless life to bring forgiveness and new life to all who would put their faith in Him and follow Him as Lord.

Application

Head: What did we learn?

Q: How did the leper ask for healing? A: He STATED "Lord, if you are willing you can heal me."

Q: What was Jesus' answer? A: He said, "I am willing. Be healed."

Q: How did the paralytic ask for healing. A: By being lowered into a full house.

Q: What was Jesus' answer? A: "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

Q: How did the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law respond?
A: They were angry that Jesus was claiming to BE GOD!

Heart : Memory verse

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Hands : How does this affect my life?

Discuss how the leper and paralytic must have felt in needing and wanting to be healed. How does that translate to wanting to be Spiritually Healed?

Household : How does this affect our household?

Parents know the pain of seeing a sick child, and will spare no expense in pursuing a cure.

Discuss how it this gives us a glimpse of Father God's heart as he sees the spiritual sickness of the world.

Heaven: How does this help us our faith?

Though Jesus ordered the leper to be quiet about his being healed, the **good news** got out and spread. Discuss how all who have been cleansed of sin by the blood Jesus shed, is the **best news** want to proclaim to the world around us how thankful we are for His miraculous work!