

Foundry Groups

Luke: Week 1



Leaders Reminder: Be sure to watch the Community Question portion after prayer.

Ice Breaker

It is kind of strange to jump from reading about someone's birth, to their 30th year of life. What is one thing you would like to know about the period of Jesus' life we don't have much information on?

Scripture: Luke 5:17-26 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."



Sermon Recap Video

Watch the video together

Discussion Questions

Question #1

Why do you think the religious elite didn't like Jesus?

If you were one of them, what would you think of Him?

What about if you were one of the common people?

Question #2

How is obeying God different than following rules?

How can we keep a relationship with God from becoming a checklist on our end?

How do we know we are obeying God?



Question #3

Has God ever challenged your idea of how to worship Him, or how to pray, or approach Him?

What was that experience like, and what did you do?

Have you ever felt convicted for be religious about something, and loving a tradition more than being in relationship with God?

Question #4

Why do you think Jesus told the paralyzed man his sins were forgiven, before He healed him?

What do you think his friends thought?

Sometimes a physical need helps us realize our own spiritual need for Christ. Have you experienced this?

Why do we tend to respond to a physical need, such a the need for food, shelter, safety or education, quicker than we do someone's spiritual need for salvation?

We can't ignore physical needs, but we don't want to send someone to hell well fed and in a new home. How do we deal with this?

Question #5

Who do you need to rip the roof off for?

What does "ripping the roof off" look like in your situation?

What is holding you back?

Can the group pray for you in this effort?

Please spend time in prayer before watching the community questions video.

Close in Prayer

Prayer is a great time to grow together as a group. Ask your group members for prayer concerns, and take turns praying for one another today and throughout the week!

Remind your group to spend time with God this week, and that the Devotions are available on Foundrychurch.net

Community Questions:

Watch the end of the video for staff introductions, answers or announcements from Eric!

