

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe the person you considered your closest friend growing up. Why were you so close to them?

2. Do you think close friendships are important? Why or why not?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about friendships:
 - a) Job 6:14
 - b) Proverbs 17:9
 - c) Proverbs 17:17
 - d) Proverbs 18:24
 - e) Proverbs 27:9
 - f) John 15:13
 - g) I Corinthians 15:33

4. In what ways did the four friends of the paralytic demonstrate their faith in Jesus to heal their friend?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to bring a friend to church to hear about Jesus and take them to lunch after the service to talk with them.
 - I am going to offer practical help to a person who is sick.
 - I am going to memorize John 15:13.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 5:17-26

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Study Series #019

Friendship Evangelism

I. Introduction

A. Best Friends

B. The Importance of Friendship

(See Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Proverbs 27:6; Proverbs 18:24; Proverbs 17:17)

C. Bringing Our Friends to Jesus

(See John 1:39-42; John 6:8-9; John 12:20-22; John 1:45-51; John 4:1-42)

II. The Friends of the Paralytic

A. Jesus Returns to Capernaum

(See Luke 5:17; Matthew 9:1; Mark 2:1-2; Luke 4:37; Luke 5:15; Deuteronomy 13:1-18; Deuteronomy 18:15-22; John 1:19-34)

B. The Friends of the Paralytic Bring Him to Jesus

(See Luke 5:18-19; Matthew 9:2; Mark 2:3-4; Matthew 9:7; Mark 2:11)

C. Jesus Forgives the Sin of the Paralytic

(See Luke 5:20; Matthew 9:2; Mark 2:5; Luke 4:15;
Luke 4:31-35; Luke 4:40)

D. The Scribes and the Pharisees Protest

(See Luke 5:21; Matthew 9:3; Mark 2:6-7; Psalm 51:4)

E. The Response of Jesus

(See Luke 5:22-24; Matthew 9:4-6; Mark 2:8-11;
Hebrews 9:22; Daniel 7:13)

F. The Response of the Paralytic and the People

(See Luke 5:25-26; Matthew 9:7-8; Mark 2:12)

III. Conclusion – Principles of Friendship Evangelism

(See John 1:39-42; John 6:8-9; John 12:20-22; John 1:45-51;
John 4:1-42)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

Passage of Study

Luke 5:17-26

¹⁷One day He was teaching; and there were *some* Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting *there*, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and *from* Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was *present* for Him to perform healing.

¹⁸And *some* men *were* carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in and to set him down in front of Him. ¹⁹But not finding any *way* to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle *of the crowd*, in front of Jesus.

²⁰Seeing their faith, He said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.”

²¹The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this *man* who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?” ²²But Jesus, aware of their reasonings, answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins have been forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ²⁴But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,” He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home.” ²⁵Immediately he got up before them, and picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God. ²⁶They were all struck with astonishment and *began* glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

Parallel Passages of Study

Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12

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