



### Week 3

**Sermon Series:** Lessons from the Sinless Savior

**Sermon Title:** The Authority to Forgive

**Sermon Text:** Luke 5:17-26

**Group Week of:** July 30, 2023

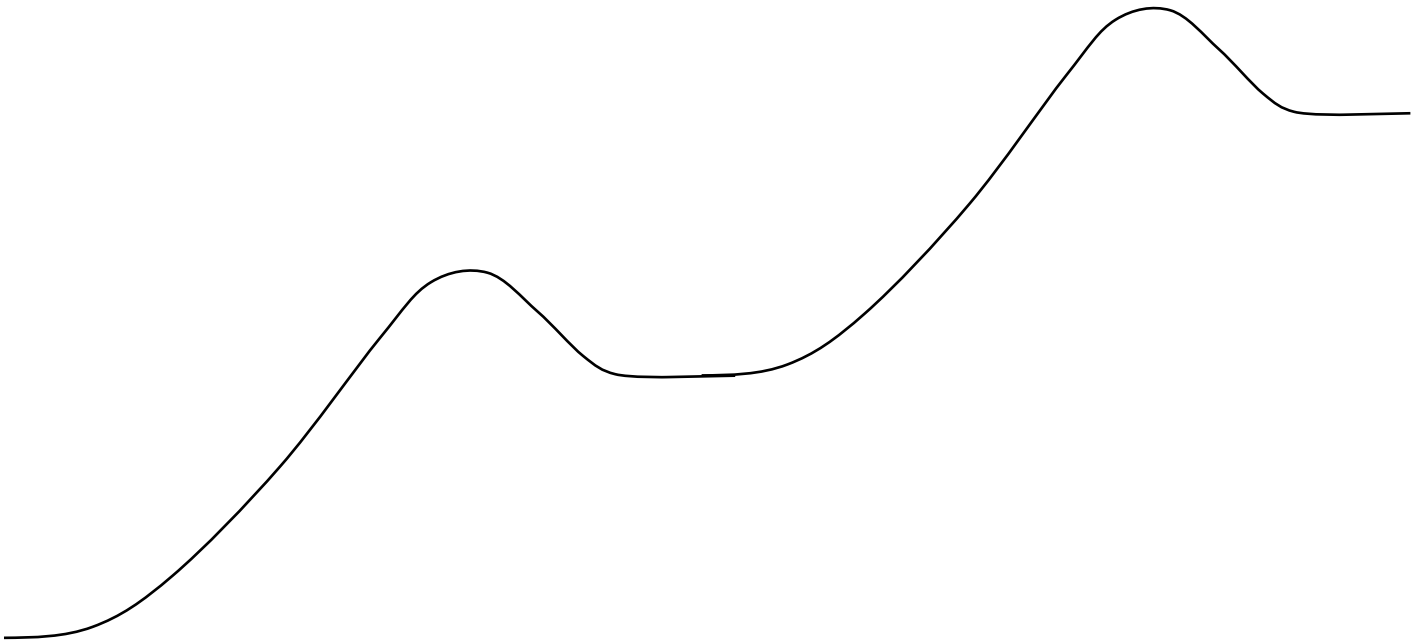
**Sermon Date:** August 6, 2023

### Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

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| <b>Day 1</b> | Faith – Hebrews 11:1-16                |
| <b>Day 2</b> | Faith Works – James 2:14-26            |
| <b>Day 3</b> | Faith & Forgiveness – Luke 7:36-50     |
| <b>Day 4</b> | Faith & Righteousness – Genesis 15:1-6 |
| <b>Day 5</b> | Righteousness By Faith – Rom 3:21-31   |

### The Text: Luke 5:17-26

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



### Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson (lessons) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) What does it mean when Jesus asks, “Which is easier to say?”
- 3) What does Jesus see that demonstrates *faith* from the friends of the paralytic?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Here in Luke 5, the Pharisees and teachers from the entire country have gathered to look into Jesus, His teaching, and His miracles. Even though these people are going to one day put Jesus to death and soon reject his entire ministry, today they've come to investigate. Jesus appears to be kind, inviting, and ready to give them a testimony of His person, power, and authority. How do you typically feel and speak when you are talking with people who are critically *investigating* Christianity?
  
- 2) Later in Jesus' ministry, after the Pharisees and teachers openly reject Jesus, He will pronounce seven woes upon these men (see Matthew 23). How do you typically speak with those who have totally and outrightly rejected Jesus and the gospel?
  
- 3) Is there anything in your conduct towards non-believers that needs to be conformed more to the ways of Christ? If yes, how can you go about doing that?
  
- 4) Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." What actions demonstrate that the paralytics' friends have a Hebrews 11:1 kind of faith in Jesus?
  
- 5) James makes the point that real faith produces *works* (James 2:14-26). In your own words, what is the visible fruit of faith, confidence, and assurance in the gospel of Christ?
  
- 6) What is the fruit of faith in the gospel as it relates to earthly treasure?
  
- 7) What is the fruit of faith in the gospel as it relates to death?
  
- 8) What is the fruit of faith in the gospel as it relates to sin, shame, and guilt?
  
- 9) Jesus absolutely has the authority to heal and forgive sins, but each day for us is an opportunity to live in faith in Christ or faith in something else. Examine the fruit of your life. If you need to walk by faith more frequently, ask God to help you walk by faith in Him each day.