

## JESUS' AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS

Luke 5:12-26

Key verse: 24

### *Discussion questions:*

- How does sin render people's lives hopeless like leprosy and paralysis?
- What must we overcome to experience Jesus' authority of forgiveness of sin?

### *Inductive study questions*

1. How would leprosy affect this man's life? (12a; Lev 13:45-46) In what ways is sin like leprosy? What did he ask of Jesus? (12b) What do you think he meant by "clean"? How did Jesus express his willingness and heal the man? (13) What is the purpose of presenting himself to the priest? (14; Lev 14:1-32) How can we testify to Jesus' healing? Why might Jesus need some time to pray alone? (15-16)
2. What might the atmosphere be like with the Pharisees and the teachers of law? (17) Who came to Jesus and how? (18-19) What kind of life issues did this man have to deal with? What did Jesus see in them? What can we learn from these friends? Why did Jesus say "your sins are forgiven"?
3. How did this upset the Pharisees? (21) Which of the two phrases is easier to say "Your sins are forgiven!" or "Get up, take your mat and go home!"? (22-23) What does Jesus want us to know about him? (24a) How can we experience his inner healing and restoration? (24b-25) What does Jesus' healing bring? (26)