

Sermon Notes: Luke 5:17-26
Our Greatest Need

MAIN POINT: Only Jesus has the authority to forgive our sins.

Jesus' authority to forgive sins is...

1. needed by all. (Luke 5:17-20)
2. rejected by some. (Luke 5:21)
3. received by the repentant. (Luke 5:22-26)

Next Week's Sermon: Luke 5:27-39

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We encourage you to take some time this week with your family, friends, or by yourself to review and apply the sermon through these questions.

REVIEW

1. In Luke 5:18-19, why did the paralytic's friends bring him to Jesus?
2. In Luke 5:20, why did Jesus not address the man's physical need?
3. In Luke 5:21, why did the people object to Jesus' claim to have authority to forgive sins?
4. According to this passage, which is most important? Physical needs, spiritual needs, or both?

APPLICATION

5. If you asked a non-Christian you know, "What is your greatest need?", what would they say?
I need...
6. Give an example of how a genuine physical need can become an object of worship.
7. How does Jesus meeting your spiritual need for forgiveness when you were saved shape how you relate to your physical needs?