

The Gospel According to Luke Week 10
"Jesus Parties with Sinners"

Luke 5:12–32, John 13:35, 1 John 4:19

The Big Idea:

Jesus loves outcasts. He sought them out, giving them a new purpose here on earth and a new life in eternity with Him. As we seek to imitate Christ, we should search for outcasts and share the joy of our salvation with all who will listen.

Main Points:

1. Jesus loves outcasts.
2. There's no such thing as a person Jesus cannot heal.
3. Tell your story.

Questions for individual Bible study or group discussion:

1. What does it mean to be an outcast? What are some examples of outcasts in our society today?
2. Read Luke 5:12–16. What is significant about Jesus' encounter with this man? What do we learn about the leper from this passage? What do we learn about Jesus?
3. Read Luke 5:17–26. What sticks out to you about the friends of the paralytic? What friends do you have in your life that will always point you back towards Jesus?
4. Why is the forgiveness of sins a more powerful miracle than healing a man that was paralyzed?
5. Read Mark 1:44–45. The leper shared his story despite specific instructions not to. On the flip side, we are given specific instructions to go and share our story. What makes that difficult? What miracles have you seen God do in your life?
6. Read Luke 5:27–32. What is the lesson Jesus is trying to teach here? Who can you share your story of how God changed your life with?