**JESUS’ AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS**

Luke 5:12-26

Key Verse: 5:24 “‘But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins…’ He said to the paralyzed man, ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.’”

1. How did Jesus help the man with leprosy? (12-16) Why did the Pharisees and teachers of the law come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem? (17)

2. How does the paralytic represent a powerless sinner? (18) How did his friends overcome the obstacles to bring him to Jesus? (19)

3. How did Jesus view the actions of the friends? (20) How did Jesus view the paralytic? Why did Jesus forgive this paralyzed man’s sins before healing his physical problem?

4. Why did the Pharisees think that Jesus was speaking blasphemy? (21) How did Jesus demonstrate his authority to forgive sins?

5. How did the paralytic respond to Jesus’ command? How did the people respond?