

### **Common Misconceptions About Jesus**

Luke 5

Peter and many others got it wrong when it came to who Jesus was and what He came to do.

#### **3 Misconceptions Still Plaguing Us Today:**

1. Misconception - Only morally upright people can draw **near** to God.

Jesus - "Only sinners who know they are **sinner**s can enter my service!"

"Oh, and my service is about finding other **sinner**s who know they are sinners!"

2. Misconception - Only morally pure and clean people have **access** to God.

Leprosy is about clean versus unclean. In the Old Testament, this was not an issue of physical hygiene but moral and ethical cleanliness. Not **dirt** but **guilt**.

Jesus - "**Outcasts** have access to God and His cleansing and blessing."

3. Misconception - God will **avoid** sinful people at any cost.

Jesus - "I will seek out sinners - specifically, those who know they are are sinful."

#### **So what do we do?**

- From the paralytic we learn - faith expresses itself in diligent **trust**!

#### **Diligent Trust (Faith)**

- You can trust God with your past and present **sinfulness**.
- You can trust God despite the feelings of **shame** and **guilt**.
- You can trust God and find peace even if the world says that you are an **outcast**.
- Diligent trust means confronting not covering up our sin.

## **Luke Chapter 5**

### Reading and Study Guide

#### **Bible Reading**

- Read Luke 5  
Or
- If you want to listen to it you can visit our Facebook page or our Vimeo page -  
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#### **Personal Study**

Read Luke 5:1-11. In Luke 5:4-5, Jesus asks Peter to do something that doesn't seem to make sense or fit with Simon Peter's agenda, however Peter yields and carries it out. What steps does following Jesus require that don't really fit in your agenda at all times? Are there habits that currently make it difficult to yield to the Lord?

Jesus tells Peter "from now on you will fish for people" (Luke 5:10). What is your current strategy for helping others know Jesus? Would you be interested in some help or training? If so, email us at [info@newstory.church](mailto:info@newstory.church).

Read Luke 5:12-16. If you missed the sermon this week, listen to it at [www.newstory.church/sermons](http://www.newstory.church/sermons). The leper says that if the Lord is willing He can heal him. He is asking about Jesus' deepest desire. According to Luke, what does Jesus' deepest desire seem to be?

Read Luke 5:27-32. Why do you think Jesus called Levi?

What about Levi's response of inviting all his "sinner" friends stands out to you? What can you learn from Levi?

Which category do you tend to put yourself in from verse 31 - the sick or the healthy? If you would say "the healthy" - do you really believe you have no need for help? If you would say "the sick", are you currently going to the physician?

Read Luke 5:33-39. Jesus' instruction here is a little difficult to follow, however it seems that He is teaching that something new is coming. We can no longer hold to rigid rules and traditions if they aren't clearly outlined in Scripture. What rules/regulations tend to hold you or others back from intimacy with God?