

# Sermon Application Study

September 3, 2023

## Target Passage → Luke 5:12-26

1. What did the man mean when he asked for Jesus to make him clean?
2. Did the paralytic want the same thing as the leper? Explain.
3. Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk?'
4. What is Jesus' intention with his healing of the paralytic man? What does this teach us about all Jesus' miracles?

**Bridge Passages (for further study) → Leviticus 13-14; Psalm 103:1-5; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10**

## For Me →

1. Do you believe that every physical pain and sickness you have ever experienced was meant to point you to the spiritual healing and forgiveness of Christ? Why or why not?
2. Is it more important to be clean and forgiven than it is to be physically well and whole? Why or why not?

## PRAYER FOCUS

If there are people suffering from physical afflictions in your group, spend some time praying for them. Ask God to give you eyes to see the gospel in the midst of this ordeal.

## For the Mission →

1. How would you respond to a Christian struggling with physical affliction who is tempted to think God is not good because of his/her ordeal?
2. How should Jesus' teaching and actions in these stories inform the philosophy of ministry for missions organizations today?