

Luke 5:4-26 (April 30, 2023)
“The Gospel Changes Everything”

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Luke 5:4-26

1. What did Jesus ask Simon Peter to do that was contrary to his experience? What was Jesus illustrating to Simon? How would he be able to do what Jesus declared? Pinpoint the applicable principles.

2. Regarding Luke 5:4-11, “We notice that Jesus did not lecture Peter about his sins. There was no rebuke, no word of judgement. All Jesus did was to show Peter how to catch fish. But when the Holy is manifest, no words are needed to express it. Peter got the message that was impossible to miss. The **transcendent** standard of all righteousness and all purity blazed before his eyes. Like Isaiah before him, Peter was undone.”
(The Holiness of God, p. 57 by R.C. Sproul)

From the following scriptures, discuss the reactions of those in the presence of a Holy God.

Genesis 3:6-8

Exodus 20:18-19

Isaiah 6:1-5

Luke 5:4-8

How does this emphasize the value of the Gospel?

3. Leprosy made a person unclean and therefore unable to participate in the religious life of the community. Also, leprosy is contagious. Merely touching a leper made a person unclean.

Identify details that stand out to you involving Jesus healing the unclean leper. What does Jesus disclose about Himself in this miracle? Is anyone too unclean to come to Jesus?

4. Name the unexpected need revealed to the paralytic and the men carrying him. What does Jesus prove about Himself in this miracle?

5. What difference does it make to your current circumstances to know that your greatest need (forgiveness of sin) has been met in Christ?

6. How would you explain this statement to someone: "the Gospel changes everything"?