

Series: N/A
Title: Meeting Jesus
Text: Luke 5: 17-26
Main Idea: In our relationship with God, we will encounter roadblocks. But, like the friends in Luke 5, we can overcome these struggles and find healing.

Opening Discussion

- How would you describe your relationship with God: nonexistent, growing, struggling, vibrant, stagnant, etc.? Why would you describe it this way?
- What hinders people today from growing in their relationship with God? Some examples include: other people, sin, fear, lack of effort, etc.

Biblical Discussion

- Read Luke 5:17-26. Then read verse 20 a second time. Why did Jesus heal the man, according to this verse?
- Why did Jesus say, “Your sins are forgiven,” instead of “Get up and walk”?
- Why is forgiveness such a great need for us?
- What did the paralytic do after he was healed? How do we often react when God answers our prayers: in a similar or different way? Please explain your answer.

Practical Discussion

- Who can you bring to Jesus (like the friends in the story did)?
- What are some roadblocks in your relationship with God? In other words, what is keeping you from strengthening your relationship with Him?
- We often don’t grow in our relationship with God because we aren’t honest with Him—about what hurts us, about our fears, etc. Why do you think we sometimes feel like we can’t be honest with God?
- What can you do this week to strengthen your relationship with God? Please be specific.

Close in prayer. Pray for your relationship with God—that it would be strong and vibrant, not stagnant. Pray that God would work in your heart this week and draw you nearer to himself.