

# Small Group questions

Luke 5:12-26

- 1) As you reflect on leprosy as an emblem or metaphor for sin what parallels come to mind?
  
- 2) Why do you think it was significant that Jesus touched the leper when He healed him?
  
- 3) In v. 14 when Jesus commanded the leper to show himself to the priest, “as proof to them.” What was it to be proof of?
  
- 4) Even though the main focus of the passage in vv. 17-26 is on forgiveness, how is the example of the paralytics friends meant to encourage us in our witness?
  
- 5) How did the story of Simon Wiesenthal affect you? How would you have responded and why?
  
- 6) Why was forgiveness so important to Jesus instead of just helping the paralytic to walk again?
  
- 7) What has been your experience of Jesus’ forgiveness? Is it something you can say you know for certain, or do you have doubts about Him clearing all the debt of you sin?
  
- 8) Reflect on this quote from Tim Keller in his book “Forgiveness”: *To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.* A tall order. How then shall we forgive?