



## Jesus Offers Forgiveness – Luke 5 Feb 16, 2025

**Scripture:** Luke 5:17-26

**Sermon Points:**

This is the beginning of Jesus fulfilling who He said He would reach in Luke 4 “poor...captive...blind...oppressed”

James 2:18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Can Jesus really forgive?  
Would Jesus really forgive?

Jesus has ability (vs 17) and authority (vs 24) to forgive.  
But does He have patience?

Jesus has the patience, intent, desire, ability, and authority to forgive.

**NOTE:** Easter Baptisms are coming up, if someone in your small group hasn't been baptized in water please encourage them in this next step of following Jesus. They can sign up at [HCBC.com/baptism](http://HCBC.com/baptism)

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Is it easier for you to forgive someone or ask for forgiveness?
2. READ Luke 5:17-20 – What do you think the obstacles (crowd, the roof, etc.) symbolize in this story? How can we as a small group help overcome obstacles when we encounter challenges in following Christ?
3. Discuss the friends of the paralytic, What does the determination to bring the man to Jesus say about the importance of community in faith?
4. Is it a regular part of your prayer time to ask Jesus for forgiveness? What does this look/sound like?
5. In your parenting, or marriage, or other core relationships, do you value or avoid the practice of confrontation and/or apologizing?
6. How enduring do you believe Jesus' forgiveness runs? Does your belief about His forgiveness need to win over any doubt your heart would have?