

## A PROBLEM, A PARABLE, AND A PARALYTIC

LUKE 5: 12-26

A \_\_\_\_\_ .

A \_\_\_\_\_: A man with \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv. 12-16)

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

A \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus forgives \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv. 17-26)

Dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ is Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Take Home Idea:** The \_\_\_\_\_ of them all—

Jesus has come to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ .

## FURTHER STUDY QUESTIONS

### Opening

- Review Pastor Joel's sermon and Take Home Idea. What struck you about the sermon? What do you have questions about?
- What is the worst illness you had growing up?

### Dig

#### Story 1:

- What did it take for the leper to come to Jesus? Why does he ask Jesus, "make me clean" not "Heal me?"
- By touching the man before he heals him, what is Jesus saying?
- Why do you think Jesus told the man not to tell anyone, but go to the priest (cf. Leviticus 13, esp. vs. 46)?
- How is this story of Jesus healing the leper a live parable? A parable of what?

#### Story 2:

- What is significant about these Pharisee and teachers?
- Why does Jesus risk upsetting these Pharisees by announcing that this man's sins are forgiven?
- The paralytic came for healing, so how do you think he first reacted to Jesus' announcement that he was forgiven? How about his friends?
- What point was Jesus trying to make here?

### Reflect

- How are you most like a leper? A paralytic?
- Looking at both the leper and paralytic, what does it take to be forgiven?
- Close this time by praying together as a family.