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We see that the purpose of Christ focusing on the paralyzed man is seen in verse 6: "that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." Jesus wants to display His authority over even sin, thus proving that He is, indeed, God.

**We come to Jesus to fix certain needs,
but He has come to us to fix the deeper need.**

Amos 5.18, 19

Amos shows us that we can escape one problem, only to run into a new one. We need a much bigger solution to a much bigger problem in our life. We need to get at the root of all of our problems, and that root is sin.

Proverbs 20.5, 27.20

THE GOSPEL IS WHAT WE NEED, AND IT IS ENOUGH

Psalms 130.3, 4

Missionaries to Alaska went to bring native Eskimos the Gospel and wanted to translate the New Testament in their language. Soon, however, they found that there was no word for "forgiveness," which is the central theme of the Gospel. Eventually, they did find a word that could be used, the word "issumagijoujungainermik" (real word), which means "not able to think about it anymore."

In Christ, God "does not remember any longer" the sins that you have committed. He sees you and accepts you as He sees and accepts Christ: completely loved and perfect.

Isaiah 43.25 // Jeremiah 31.33, 34 // Psalm 103.10-14

**If we really believe our sins are forgotten,
we will begin to act like it.**

1 Corinthians 15.1-4



NOTES:

Recommended Resources

Radical by David Platt

A great book on living the life of real, radical discipleship.

The Gospel Transformation Bible

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7th & 8th graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com or **John Hawthorne** at hawthorne-john@hotmail.com

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 9:1-8**. What verses stuck out to you or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

What would you say if someone asked you, "What's your greatest need?" Explain your answer. _____

In the past weeks we have learned that Jesus has authority over sickness (**Matthew 8:1-17**), His disciples (**Matthew 18:22**), nature (**Matthew 8:23-27**) and demons (**Matthew 8:28-34**). What do these verses (**Matthew 9:1-8**) tell us Jesus has authority over? And why is it important to know this truth? _____

Read **Luke 7:47-49** and **John 5:13-15**. What very important divine trait can Jesus do besides heal? Why is it so important for us to know that Jesus is God and not just a miracle worker? _____

Re-read **Matthew 9:2**. Why do you think the paralytic and his friends came to Jesus in the first place; for Jesus to forgive his sins or to just heal him? _____

Read **Proverbs 20:5**. Do you want life good or a good God? _____

Read **Amos 5:18-19**. On Sunday, Jobey talked about how this passage in Amos shows us that we can escape one problem, only to run to another one. We need a much bigger solution to a much bigger problem in our life. What happens when we see Jesus only as a physical healer who takes away our temporary pain and not in a "Jesus + Nothing = Everything" (**2 Corinthians 12:9**) sort of way? _____

Read **Psalms 103:10-14**, **Micah 7:18-20**, **Colossians 1:13-14** and **Ephesians 1:7**. In Christ, God does not remember your past sins. He sees and accepts you as He sees Christ; completely loved and perfect. How does knowing the way God sees you in Christ effect your daily life? How can you keep this truth at the front and center of your mind, so that it spurs radical obedience? _____

Read **Colossians 3:12-14**. Are you acting as if you're sins are forgiven? If not, why? Where is the disconnect between knowing this truth and "living it out?" _____

Pray and ask God to constantly show you that He is a good God, that He loves you and has forgiven you and now he calls you to life of radical obedience.

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