

BIG IDEA

Look to the past to trust God for the future.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Describe a time when God used you to lead another person to faith in Jesus.

Read Luke 5:17-20. What obstacles stood between the paralyzed man, his friends and Jesus? What is your opinion of the four friends after seeing how they approached these obstacles?

Who do you most relate to in this account:

- The paralyzed man
- The friends who helped him
- The crowd who filled the house
- The Pharisees who criticized Jesus

Take a closer look at Luke 5:20. Have you ever considered that your faith could be the force that moves your friends toward healing and salvation?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Read Proverbs 7:17. Are you a good friend when people around you are hurting?

Consider the quote from this week's message:

Incredible things happen when people are put in the presence of Jesus.

Are you willing to do whatever it takes to get people in front of Jesus? Why or why not?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Do you often take time to reflect on your past? Why or why not?

How might reflecting on your past help you to grow in your trust toward God?

Do you have friendships with people who are not yet believers? What changes would you need to make in your life in order to build relationships with people who don't believe the way you do?

