

## 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?

The four friends who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus are celebrated for their great friendship and for their great faith. Their determination to get their friends in the presence of Jesus led to a miraculous miracle for their friend. The truth is, each of us have the opportunity every day to be this kind of friend to the people we know.

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?  
*You could also ask: Are you the kind of friend that you would like to have?*

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? In the message this weekend, Cal talked about the effort, sacrifice, and investment that this kind of dedication requires. We can get a picture of how willing we are to get people in front of Jesus by reflecting on our efforts, sacrifices, and level of investment in this endeavor.





# LIFE GROUPS

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## 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?

