

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Luke 5:32

I have not come to call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance.

LIFE OF CHRIST 5-1

Lesson Scripture:
**Matthew 9:1-17,
12:1-14
Mark 2:1-3:6
Luke 5:17-6:11**

"Growing Hostility of the Pharisees"**DAY 1 READ THE LESSON SCRIPTURE**

1. Share a thought from last week's lesson?
2. What bothered the Pharisees about Jesus in today's lesson?

DAY 2 "Healing a Paralytic" REVIEW LUKE 5:17-26 (Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12)

3. According to Mark 2:1,2 where was Jesus teaching at this time?
4. From Luke 5:17 who was included in the gathered crowd?
5. a. In the story, how was faith demonstrated?
 . . . rewarded?
b. How does your faith benefit your friends and vice versa?
6. a. What reason did the Pharisees/scribes give for accusing Jesus of blasphemy?
b. The healing was proof of what in verse 24?
c. Which is easier for you to comprehend – for Jesus to forgive your sins or to heal you physically? Please explain.
7. The paralytic and the people all gave _____ to God.

DAY 3 "A New Disciple" REVIEW LUKE 5:27-32 (Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17)

8. What was the name and occupation of Jesus' new disciple?
9. a. Matthew "left everything" and followed Jesus. What do you think he gave up?
b. What do you think he gained?
c. Share some things you think you have lost or gained by following Jesus.

Lost Gained

DAY 3 (Continued) REVIEW LUKE 5:27-32 (Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17)

10. a. Who attended the banquet for Jesus at Matthew's house?
- b. How would you feel about inviting Jesus to dinner? Who else would you invite?

11. In verses 30,31 what was the criticism directed at Jesus?
 . . . the chastisement He gave the critics?

12. What are some of the blessings/problems associated with . . .
 - a. . . . a Christian socializing with unbelievers?
 - b. . . . a Christian not socializing with unbelievers?

DAY 4 "Fasting Questions" REVIEW LUKE 5:33-39 (Matthew 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22)

13. In Mark 2:18 what question regarding fasting was asked of Jesus?

14. a. To show their piety the Pharisees fasted two days a week. From Isaiah 58:6-7, what did the Lord say was the fasting He chose?

- b. For what purposes do people fast today?

15. a. Jesus compared Himself to a _____ and said it was a time for joy not fasting.
- b. The gospel was not a patch on Old Testament Law, but what according to _____ verse 38?

- c. Jesus knew men's reluctance to accept new ideas (Luke 5:39) because we resist change. What "old wineskin" (preconceived idea about religion) did you have to set aside to receive the "new wineskin" of the gospel?

DAY 5 "Lord of the Sabbath" REVIEW MATTHEW 12:1-14 (Mark 2:23-3:6; Luke 6:1-11)

16. What did Jesus' disciples do to satisfy their hunger?

17. Of what did the Pharisees accuse them?

18. a. Jesus defended His disciples by referring to _____ who did what?
- b. He also referred to what principle found in Hosea 6:6?

DAY 5 (Continued) REVIEW MATTHEW 12:1-14 (Mark 2:23-3:6; Luke 6:1-11)

19. a. What did Jesus say in Mark 2:27?

b. What do you think that means?

c. Jesus said "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." How would you plan an entire day wholly devoted to the Lord? It might be a Sunday or not. It might be just for yourself or with others. Write your plan below.

20. In Mark 3:1-6 . . .

a. Why was Jesus being watched?

b. How did Jesus react in verse 5?

c. With reference to James 4:17, why is it never right to refuse to do good on any day of the week?

d. What prophecy in Psalm 2:2 did these religious leaders fulfill by their conspiracy?

21. Share your thoughts on how much being criticized would keep you from acts of compassion. (Example: taking in a homeless person)

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: