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## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Luke 5:17–26**

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? 24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

### **Matthew 28:18–20**

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**1. We have a dire need for spiritual healing.**

**2. We have a dire need for spiritual faith.**

**The Question: How do we tear the roof off of Rockford and bring them before Jesus?**

**Through the blood of Jesus.**

**By faith.**

**By prayer.**

**Mission Statement: First Free Rockford exists to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ.**

**Vision Statement: To see all generations: go, tell, and show others the love of God in the city of Rockford and around the world.**

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Share something the Holy Spirit stirred in you through this week's sermon.**

**Share a takeaway from the passage (something you want to live out differently).**

**How has God used our church to accomplish His mission in your life?**

**How are you living out the gospel and the mission of First Free Rockford?**

**How can we tear the roof off of Rockford and bring people to Jesus? How are you doing that with the people in your life?**

**How can our life group pray for you this week?**