

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#12 – “The Power to Forgive Sins”

– Luke 5:12-26

I. Introduction

A. Replaying our sins

1. Caught on camera

B. Pastor Don’s recent experience

1. Speeding citation in Iowa.

C. The final judgment

1. A detailed recounting of infractions of God’s law.

D. Today’s text

1. Luke 5:12-26

II. Exposition

A. Luke 5:12-16

1. Leprosy

2. Curse of God

a. Gehazi – II Kings 5:25-27

b. Uzziah – II Chronicles 26:11-23

3. Healed through a touch.

a. Jesus frequently healed by way of touch.

1. Luke 4:40; 7:14; 13:13; 22:51; Mark 6:5

4. The priest’s role – Leviticus 14:1-20

5. Retreat to the wilderness

a. Jesus’ place of aloneness with God.

B. Luke 5:17

1. Pharisees – One of four Jewish sects. Others were:

a. S _____

b. Z _____

c. E _____

2. The outlying area is becoming aware of Jesus.

C. Luke 5:18-19

1. Cause of paralysis is unknown.

D. Luke 5:20

1. The man’s greatest need was for forgiveness.

E. Luke 5:21

1. Only God can forgive sin. How could Jesus do it?
He is God!

F. Luke 5:22-24

1. The physical proof was the healing.

2. Astonishment and fear.

a. Fear – *Phobos* – panic or long term anxiety.

3. Remarkable things seen.

III. Points for Reflection

A. Leprosy is a visible expression of an inward depravity.

B. The concerned men brought the ill man to Jesus.

C. The viewing of remarkable things did not convince many of Christ’s deity.

D. God is in the lonely place. Make it your place, too.

E. The man carried that which represented his infirmity.
We are enabled to do the same.

F. “I am willing – Your sins are forgiven.”