

14 – Luke 5:12-32 – The Offence of Jesus

Jesus called people to follow him, as disciples, so that he could train them in the task of taking the good news of the kingdom to the whole world.

Luke 5:12,

... he knew Jesus could cleanse him but the question is, “Is he willing to?”

... this is his heart

Jesus is one who makes the unclean clean again.

Dealing with people’s sin

“Which is easier ...

... he has the power and authority of God

...he is not a fraud

... he can forgive this man’s sin.

The mission of Jesus

The good news of the kingdom has everything to do with Jesus calling sinners back to God in repentance.

... now his heart is exposed

... the reason he came... was not to help the righteous but the call sinners to repentance.

For us today**Who Jesus is**

Jesus has the power and authority to cleanse sinner.

... it must be central to the message we speak to our community of nice people who are also sinners like us who desperately need God’s offer of forgiveness.

Questions

- 1) Do you see yourself as a sinner (past present and future) who has been forgiven?
- 2) How do you speak this good news properly and clearly into a society that does not see itself as sinful before God?

The danger of being a Pharisee

Questions

- 1) Do you come across as an ongoing sinner who is in constant need of God's grace or do you come across as a morally good person who has got obedience to God worked out.
- 2) When speaking to others about Jesus, how do you present the idea that we are all sinners who constantly need God's grace. And how do you ensure that you do not communicate that some sins are worst than others?"
- 3) If people heard all you said and saw all that you did would they get the idea that you avoid people who do or have done certain sins?

Sickness and Sin

Just because someone is sick this does not mean that are sick because they have sinned.