

Centered in Jesus

Jesus' Lightness About Sin

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Luke 5:17-26

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Introduction: In Ephesians 2:19 the apostle Paul writes: "...you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." (NRSV) As we begin a new calendar year and a new era at UPC it is time to ask ourselves the question "What does it mean to live my life with Christ at the center?" In this series, we will look into scripture for pictures of what that looked like for the people of Jesus' time and the early church. The clues we find will help us construct an actionable answer to this question so that we can take stock of where we are and take steps to make Jesus the center of our lives.

Review: Did you take time with God to unload your stuff and be cleansed?

Read: Luke 5:17-26

Prayer: Holy God, we are ready to learn from you. Help us to see what you have for us as we study together. Amen

Discussion:

1. What did the paralyzed man's friends want Jesus to do?
2. What are they interrupting? How does Jesus turn this interruption into teaching? Who is he teaching? What do they need to learn?
3. What do you learn about who Jesus is and what he has authority to do from this passage?
4. What did the paralyzed man receive from Jesus? What have you received from Jesus? How do you rejoice?

Application: This week remember to rejoice for what Jesus has done for you.

Prayer: Father, thank you for forgiving us. We glorify you Amen