

Engage Bible Study: Luke 5:17-6:11 – The Controversy Begins
October 31-November 2, 2011



- A. Jesus heals a paralytic (5:17-26)**
- B. Jesus calls Levi (5:27-32)**
- C. Questions about Fasting (5:33-39)**
- D. Questions about the Sabbath (6:1-5)**
- E. A Man with a Withered Hand (6:6-11)**

Questions for Small Group Conversation

If the people around the table don't know one another please begin with introductions.

Opening Prayer: *God, thank you for this time together to open your word and grow closer to you and to one another. We invite your Holy Spirit into our conversation to open our eyes, hearts and minds to whatever you would have us learn. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

Open Up (pick one or both to get your conversation started)

- When it comes to conflict do you tend to try to avoid it, address it directly, play passive aggressive...or do you have another strategy?

Dig In

- How would you describe the conflict between Jesus and the religious authorities? Why are the authorities so hard-headed and hard-hearted? How does this kind of conflict manifest itself in the Church today?
- How would you describe the connection between physical sickness and the forgiveness of sins?
- What would you say is the purpose of fasting? Do you have any experience with fasting? If so, how has it helped you to grow spiritually?
- When it comes to how you read and understand the bible...what's the difference between the "letter of the law" and the "spirit of the law"? Why does it matter?

Move Out

- How are you seeking to connect others with Jesus? What one step can you take this week to make it happen?
- From what do you need to fast this week to grow closer to God?

Next Week: – Luke 6:12-49 – The Sermon on the Plain

Notes: