**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. April 9, 2017**

**Daring To Believe Jesus**

Luke 5:17-26

**Key truth:** There is no greater purpose you can give your life to than the mission of Jesus Christ.

**First things First:**

1. Change our attitude toward the mission of the church.

 The Attitude of the Crowd:

 A. Comfortable just hearing Jesus teach.

 B. Unmoved by the Presence of God to heal them.

 C. Unconcerned about the man’s condition.

2. Recapture the heart of God: The Actions of the men.

 A. They were concerned about their friend’s condition

 B. They were convinced that Jesus Christ was the

 answer.

 C. They were determined to get their friend to Jesus.

**Expect God to Respond:**

3. The Affirming of Faith by Jesus.

 A. Faith is not safe.

 B. Faith takes risk for the glory of God.

 C. Faith can transfer blessings to someone else.

 D. Jesus responds to our faith.

4. The Results of Daring Faith in Jesus Christ:

 A. Forgiveness of sins - Man’s greatest need.

 B. Healings – God is still able to heal!

 C. Glorifying God – That the world may know Jesus.

 D. Amazement and Awe – God exceeds our expectations

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** The church is not a cruise ship but a battle ship on mission for Jesus Christ. Invite, Invest, and Impact one person for Jesus Christ this week.

**Food For Thought**

For the Week of April 9, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

“There is only one crime worse than murder on the desert, and that is to know where the water is and not tell.” **African Proverb**

We who know Jesus know where the living water is. Let’s tell our friends, so that they can find forgiveness.

**John 37-38**

**37**On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. **38**Whoever believes in me, asthe Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

You can tell a lot about a church by listening to what they pray about. Do you have on your prayer list people you know you don’t know Jesus as Savior? If so, have you attempted to tell them about Jesus Christ and invite them to church?

On a scale to of 1-10 how would you rate your concern for the lost? How is your concern demonstrated in your actions?

Do you think the four men in Luke 5:17-26 were concerned about their friend? How did there actions reflect their concern?

This Easter let’s pray and invite someone to experience the life changing power of Jesus Christ.

**This week pray that God would be glorified through our church on Easter.**