**Generosity**

Week 3 Preaching Resources

**Scripture: Luke 5: 17-26**

**Focus:** You are a partner in God’s miracles

**Me:** Tell a story about a time when you got stuck. If you told a vulnerable story in week 2, you might consider one that is less serious or even funny.

**We:** Here’s the opportunity to invite everyone into a time when they felt stuck. Maybe some in the congregation are feeling stuck right now. You might start this section by saying, “We’ve all felt stuck.” There are many cases when our congregations, communities or even our country feels stuck. We all need hope and healing. Here, try to insert an example from the world or surrounding culture.

**God:** You could transition by saying, “The Bible has a message for all of us when we feel stuck.” Three points are:

1. Need to acknowledge that we need healing
2. Community to journey with and lift us up
3. God does the healing

**You:** This is the part where you go right at practical application. We often feel paralyzed or stuck when we are in isolation. We need a community around us to move towards healing. You might share an appropriate story or cite AA groups, cancer support groups, etc. This is a great opportunity to include small group opportunities at your church. Let people know they shouldn’t do life alone.

**We:** Start this section by transitioning, “Can you imagine if we were all like those 4 friends?” Our communities need healing. We are called to bring hope and healing. Hope Centers in GNJ are providing hope to communities through affordable housing, community development, education and more. You might share a congregational example of a mission trip or a time you served together to make a difference in your community. We are all called to be a part of God’s miracles.