



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Introducing: Jesus and a Man on a Mat

Mark 2:1-12

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Introduce it:

Today's sermon focused on "who is Jesus" by seeing Him through the eyes of a man that needed physical healing and friends that knew Jesus could heal him. For each of us we need to see ourselves as the man that needs healing but also as the friends that took another to Jesus. But in stories like this, it causes us to reexamine who we believe Jesus to be.

Begin your time as a group just throwing out everything you know about Jesus. Who is he to you? Not just what you have heard, but truly who you believe him to be.

Ask if anyone in the group has ever experienced a physical healing that you knew was from God or had a friend be physically healed by God?

Revisit it: learn the passage preached on.

Read the passage again as a group: Mark 2:1-12

As the passage was described in the sermon, was there any new insight given that stood out to you about this story? Something you've not noticed before?

What do you think convinced these men that Jesus could heal their friend so much that they were willing to open up the roof and lower him down? Do you believe Jesus can do this for you or a friend?

Jesus makes this comment:

"You want to see that I can forgive sins? I'll tell this man to walk. Then will you believe?"

For those that have chosen to follow Christ fully, what was it that you wanted to see Jesus do before you believed in him? For those that are still wondering who Jesus is, what is it that you want to see him do before you will trust him?

What are areas of your life you still don't trust Jesus with? What do you want to see Jesus do before you will trust him with it?

Relook at it: see other places in the Bible that speak to sermon.

In our sermon today, it was said, "Jesus is fully God and fully man". Read these 2 passages and talk about what was read that supports this statement?

Colossians 1:15-20; John 1:1-5, 14-18

Talk some as a group about how it's possible for Jesus to be fully human and fully God. Why do you think it's so critical that he was both? What difference would it make if he were not fully one of them?

It was also said that, "Jesus Christ is the healer of lives and this world." Read the following passages and after reading them, reflect on what supports this statement.

Colossians 1:21-23; John 1:1:9-13

Use it: don't just learn the passage but use it.

When reading a passage like this, it causes us to think about friends that we have that need the healing only Jesus can give-the power to forgive sins.

This week, take a bold step into a friend's life that needs this healing. It could mean that you purposefully share this story with them and that you want them to know Jesus because he can heal them. It could mean that you pray every day for them and ask God for a clear opportunity to share with them. You may not know anyone that is not following Jesus. Look for an opportunity to meet a neighbor, a co-worker, or reconnect with a family member that doesn't know Jesus. Start a relationship with them. Ask God to open this opportunity.

Remember it: memorize a verse that helps you to remember and use it.

This week, try to memorize this verse: Mark 2:10-11

"But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Write it on a note card and put on your bathroom mirror or on the dashboard of your car. If you have children, talk about this passage with them and tell them you need their help to memorize this verse. Ask them to memorize it with you. Give them permission to quiz you during the week.