

HEAR THE WORD

Mark 2:1-12 The Paralytic

Main Point:

Jesus views our relationship with him to be the most important thing.

1. These four friends went to great lengths for their friend. Why?
2. Why does Jesus address the sin issue instead of the obvious problem?
3. Jesus thought his relationship with God was a Crucial Relationship that needed to be fixed. His friends were key in helping him find healing for that.
4. Let's look at two important points of view in this story:
 - a. From the Paralytic: What needs fixed in your relationship with God?
 - b. From the Friends: What risks are you willing to take with your friends to introduce them to Jesus?
5. Take a minute and ask Jesus to reveal in your own life where he wants to go deeper with you, and invite you to take risks this week with your friends.

RESPOND ACTIVELY

Challenge:

Participate in the proxe station this week. Be open to Jesus teaching you something, not just going through the motions

1. Talk to someone that you wouldn't normally.
2. Pray for boldness and courage to talk with your peers.
3. Share yourself about how God is working in your life as well.
4. Make an invitation. Don't let people walk away without having invited them to:
 - a. Follow Jesus
 - b. Come to SG/LG
 - c. Grab lunch one day, etc.

DEBRIEF & INTERPRET

Next Leadership Meeting (Group/One-on-One)

1. How did the proxe station go for you? Did you get to talk to people you didn't expect?
2. How did you experience Jesus in your interactions? What did he show you about himself? Yourself? Others?
3. What did you learn about how God and the gospel fit into every day topics like our relationships?
4. How did your perspective change throughout the experience? Would you like it to change further?
5. How has follow-up gone? What's the next step? And how can we encourage you?
6. Let's pray about those next steps and ask Jesus to lead us.

EXPAND THE INFLUENCE

Follow-Up Discipleship Cycles for Momentum

- Mark 2:13-17, Eating with Sinners-Who do we have a hard time identifying with? What would it look like to grab lunch with someone you would normally avoid?
- Luke 14:15-24, The Great Banquet – Who don't we normally invite to our group? How can we be more proactive in including them?
- Luke 19:1-10, Zacchaeus-Invite non-Christians to lunch and pray for opportunities to introduce them to Jesus
- John 1, Come and See-invite a younger believer along to share the experience of doing a proxe or lunch on the fringe. Help them to meet Jesus in the process.