

Fall Week 9 - 11/7/21

"The Story of Jesus" message series - Week 3

Getting to Know You

- 1.) Recall a time in your life when you wanted something so badly that you went to great lengths to get it? Please share that story.
- 2.) The four carrying the mat made a move of desperation by destroying a roof to get their friend to Jesus. To make moves of desperation we need three things: a belief or hope knowing that Jesus is the answer, a deep love and care for the person or situation, and an awareness and understanding of the need or hurt. If your desire to bring others to Jesus lacks at times, which of those three do you feel you lack?
- 3.) Thinking back to your readings in Mark, has there been anything you saw for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Into the Bible

- 4.) Read Mark 2:1-12. What stands out to you about this passage?
- 5.) Read Mark 2:14-17. Jesus said he came for the sick and sinners, not the healthy and righteous. What's the difference between the two? Who is the judge of that? What are the implications that come with each side?
- 6.) Refer back to Mark 2:5. Jesus saw the paralyzed man in front of him and said, "Your sins are forgiven" and not "Get up and walk." Then he pointed out that being forgiven is a much bigger deal than walking, even for the paralyzed man. In your own life, how do you know when you are dealing with symptoms, and how do you know when you have found the real root issues?

Application

- 7.) What are some root issues that you think God may be calling you to work on in your life? Take some time in your group to share about and pray for each other regarding those struggles.
- 8.) The four men carrying the paralytic had to destroy a roof before Jesus performed the miracle. What are the roofs in your life that seem like roadblocks for you? How can you know if God is calling you to keep going, even if it seems crazy?