



Miracle Worker Part 3 - The Authority to Forgive

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER (Optional):

- Do you have children? What was the most enjoyable and most challenging season you have had with them?

BREAKING THE ICE:

- Think of your life journey up to this point. What has been a recurring need in every stage of your life?

GO TO THE SOURCE: Mark 2:1-12 (ESV)

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:

OUR GREATEST NEED IS FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Read Mark 2:1-12 and answer the following questions:

- What was Jesus doing that caused so many people to gather around Him?

- What else is going on in this scene that makes it significant?
- What happened while Jesus was preaching? What does this tell us about the faith of the paralytic man's friends?
- Read verse 5. What was Jesus' response when He saw all of this unfold? If you were the paralytic man, what would you have said?
- Who criticized Jesus after witnessing His actions? How did Jesus respond to these "experts"?
- Read Psalm 119:71. How can we use God's word to comfort us in times of affliction?

MIRACLES PROVED THAT JESUS HAS AUTHORITY

- What was the reaction of those who were gathering there and witnessed the miraculous healing of the paralytic man?
- Read John 10:37-38. Why are miracles so important to Jesus' ministry?
- What does it mean to be forgiven by God?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What is the result of knowing you are forgiven by God?
- Forgiving others is important, but sometimes it can be really difficult to do. Why should I do it? Read Matthew 6:14-15; Matthew 18:21-22.
- If you feel comfortable sharing, in what ways do you need to forgive others?

MAKE IT COUNT:

- Read Ephesians 4:32. How can we use God's word when we are wronged?
- If God expects us to forgive others, what does healthy, biblical forgiveness look like?