

LIFE GROUPS – LEADER OUTLINE
Sunday Sermon Notes – Discussion – Application
Mark 2:1-12
HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC (YOU ASKED FOR IT)

STARTER QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP

- Have you ever had a friend go out of their way to help you? What happened?
- What's the craziest thing you've ever done to help someone you care about?
- Why do you think sharing our faith can sometimes feel intimidating?

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER – Mark 2:1-12

- Have each group member read a couple of verses that will be covered during the study time.

PRAY FOR THE TIME TOGETHER IN THE WORD

- Invite someone in the group to open the study time in prayer.

HIGHLIGHTS and OBSERVATIONS OF THE TEXT

- Why do you think Jesus chose to preach instead of simply healing everyone (v. 2)?
- What characteristics do you see in the four friends (v. 3-4)?
- What barriers had to be overcome before the man met Jesus (v. 3-5)?
- Why do you think Jesus noticed their faith first (v. 5)?
- Why do you think Jesus addressed the man's spiritual need before his physical need (v. 5)?
- What assumptions kept the scribes from believing (v. 6-10)?

FROM SUNDAY'S SERMON – Reflect and discuss the main points

- What stood out in the sermon to you and why?
- Why is just being kind an ineffective method for evangelism?
- What is the danger of relying on only good behavior to influence people?
- How can our homes be places where people encounter Christ?
- What inconveniences need to be overcome?
- What are some common barriers keeping people from Jesus today?

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE THIS WEEK – PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Whose the paralytic (spiritually) God has called you to reach? What will you do this week to reach them?
- What barrier might be keeping them from Christ?
- How can you begin removing that barrier this week?
- Have you clearly shared the gospel with them or have you only hoped your actions would communicate it?
- What is one practical way you can bring them closer to Jesus this week (coffee, dinner, church)?
- What practical step could you take this month to make your home more available for ministry?

CLOSE YOUR TIME IN PRAYER TOGETHER FOR ONE ANOTHER

- As we close out this study, spend some time sharing with one-another prayer requests for where you feel the Lord has been speaking to your heart about what might be a needed change in habits, thoughts, or attitudes as it relates to our walk with Christ.