



Questions Jesus Asked

A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of August 31, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- Over the course of your life, who has served as a spiritual friend, bringing you to Jesus? Who are you called to serve in a similar way these days?

Mark 2:1-12

Which Is Easier?

¹ And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

- Jesus returns to Capernaum. Describe the scene. What is happening? What is Jesus doing?
- What did the paralytic's friends have to do to get him to Jesus? Why do you think they did this?
- How does Jesus respond to them? What is surprising about this? What might the friends be thinking?

- Jesus knows what the teachers of the law were thinking. How did they interpret Jesus' declaration to the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven?
- What is Jesus telling us about Himself by His statement? Why is forgiveness of our sins such a great need in our lives?
- It's hard to require forgiveness. Think about a recent time you needed to be forgiven. What did you need to believe? What did it cost you to be forgiven?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.

Stories from the Church: Mike Glasgow

Throughout this current sermon series on Questions Jesus Asked, brothers and sisters from our church will share the ways Jesus is faithfully at work in His church through many ministries at WEPC.

Two monumental, extraordinary events shaped my walk with Jesus, three when you count his offer of salvation and the forgiveness of my numerous sins. In 2009, after my first marriage ended in divorce, I was really, truly lost, profoundly broken. The first event was an invitation from a believing brother at my church in Williamsburg to attend a small group. I had never heard of this concept, but said yes because, hey, why not-- there was only one way: up.

I started attending weekly Small Group meetings, and those seven married couples loved on me profoundly, invited me to meals, Bible study, friendship-- exactly what I needed, and Jesus knew this. It was at small group that I learned much about how faith in the Lord really works in your heart and life. These beloved friends showed me love, hope, and truth. Later when I married Cindi, they took her in as well into the small group family. The key verse was Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."

The second event happened on the heels of the first event: one of my Michigan customers invited me to a men's retreat in Ohio the following April. "Want to come to Men's Retreat?", Bob said. I said sure, wanting to make another friend, but again I had no mental picture of what to expect. At the retreat, nearly 100 likeminded believing men surrounded me, engaged me, asked questions, provided some answers, and ultimately, thank the Lord, it changed me. I loved when we sang together great hymns of praise, and found that Bible study was the path to knowing God more fully, and Jesus's work on the Cross. A key verse at the Retreat was Matthew 6:33, "But seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you."

Some of you know how passionate and energetic I am for Men's Ministry, 2nd Monday Men's Fellowship, and small groups here at West End Pres. Now you know some of the reasons why. THE Reason. When Jesus changes your life, it's just irresistible. He changed me, and it's impossible to me not to get out there, invite brothers to Men's Retreat, get involved in small group, and encourage everyone to trust and obey our Lord (one of my favorite hymns). When I'm here, I'm with the family of God. A final verse-- II Timothy 2:2 "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." Thank you.

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