# JESUS – Hope, Help, and Healing 'The Healing of the Paralytic' Mark 2:1-12 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

#### Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

### **Engaging**

Back up a bit and read the last few verses of chapter 1, then reading through verse 2 of chapter 2. With the crowds swelling, discuss opportunities and challenges that are beginning to develop for Jesus and his disciples. What reasons do people appear to have in seeing Jesus, and how is Jesus responding?

Explore Jesus's response to the Pharisees in Mark 2:8-11 further. For many, Jesus's words here can be confusing – so take the words of his response slowly (maybe grab a Study Bible or commentary as you go) and try and catch what Jesus means, particularly around the phrase, 'Which is easier...'.

#### **Applying**

How would you describe your greatest need that you are facing right now? If God took action today in addressing your absolute greatest need (as He sees it), would they match up?

Pastor Donny shared a passage from Luke 19 (verse 10) in Jesus's take on his most important mission: "The Son of Man came to SEEK and SAVE the lost" (emphasis mine). In this weekend's passage we found people that risked much and took proactive action to make sure their friend could encounter Jesus. If Jesus is BOTH seeking and saving the lost still, how can we participate and help make the first part – Jesus 'seeking' people – a little easier, or a little more direct? What steps can we take to be an active part of Jesus seeking the lost?

## **Praying**

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other? Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for? How can we pray for our church?

