

## A Winning Team

February 11-12, 2023: Dary Northrop (Jesus: Hope, Help & Healing #4: Mark 2:1-12)

This resource is a springboard for discussion and a catalyst for further study, based on the weekend message.

Please choose the parts below that are especially useful for your group.

**Open the study** with this visual 2 ½ minute depiction of **Mark 2:1-12:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh9yjReuWH0> (cued to minute 9:08 through 11:28.)

### 1. A full house

[Mark 2:1-2]

- Read **2 Chronicles 5:13-14** and **Revelation 7:9-12**.
  - Why do you think God is pleased when there is a “full house”?
- Pastor Dary asked, “Are people hungry for God?”
  - Read **Psalms 63:1-5, Matthew 5:6, Matthew 22:8-10**.
  - What do you think it is about Jesus that fulfills our hunger?

### 2. Meet the team.

[Mark 2:3]

- Tell about a time you accomplished something with a team.
- Who do you look for to team up with?
  - Read about Paul’s team in **Romans 16:1-19**. What stands out to you?
- What do you give up when you’re part of a team?
  - Read **Matthew 19:27** and **John 6:68-69**.
  - What are you working on now (a “mat” or “bridge”) with a team?

### 3. The mentality: Never Give Up.

[Mark 2:4]

- Read and discuss **Luke 18:35-42, John 12:20-23, Romans 5:1-5**, and **James 1:2-4**.
- Pastor Dary asked us, “In what ways might I be blocking a clear view of God?”

### 4. Your faith impacts others.

[Mark 2:5]

- Read **1 Thessalonians 1:4-10** and discuss the following ideas in light of those verses:
  - What impact does my behavior, faith, and attitude have on others?
  - What can I do to grow in these ways?

### 5. Are you a fan or a critic?

[Mark 2:6-7]

- It can be easier to criticize (**Proverbs 15:1**) but wise advice is valuable (**Proverbs 25:11**).
- If you had been in the full house when the paralytic was forgiven and healed, how would you have responded to Jesus’s words?

### 6. Give God a chance.

[Mark 2:8-11]

- Read **Exodus 14:10-14** and **2 Kings 6:15-17**.

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- What do I need in order to welcome God's provision?
- When have you given "one more chance" for God to solve your problem?

## 7. **A victory**

[Mark 2:12]

- Discuss **Philippians 2:10-11** and **1 Peter 4:7-11**. Choose a song to close:
- "See a Victory" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEK6\\_rz26z0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEK6_rz26z0)
- "You Alone Can Rescue" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYcjz30R3G8>
- "Stronger" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7YdtfjMAIc>
- "What a Beautiful Name" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5L6QIAH3L4>

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