



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What is your ideal sub sandwich? Share what ingredients you would put on it.

1. Pastor Tom said, "The worst thing to do when you're in need is to isolate yourself from God, His truth and His people." What does isolating yourself from God look like for you and what do you do to reconnect with Him?
2. Read [Mark 2:1-12](#). Pastor Tom emphasized that several men let nothing stop them from bringing the paralyzed man to Jesus. Identify the obstacles that prevent you from bringing someone to Jesus and what can you do to overcome them?
3. Pastor Tom stated that the good, decent people in the room "were so preoccupied with their own needs and desires, they had their backs turned to this paralyzed man." In what ways can you get so focused on your own concerns that you lose sight of those in need around you?
4. What actions can you take to ensure that you are not just a passive witness, but rather an active participant in the spiritual journeys of those around you? See [Romans 12:10](#), [Philippians 2:4](#), and [Galatians 6:2](#).
5. Review [Mark 2:8-12](#). Pastor Tom pointed out that "Jesus didn't stop for his critics." How does Jesus' response inspire you to be outward focused?

Day One: [Luke 8](#)

Day Two: [Exodus 2](#)

Day Three: [Ephesians 1](#)

Day Four: [Revelation 9](#)

Day Five: [Ecclesiastes 10](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

PERSONAL GUIDE



RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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"A HOLE IN THE ROOF"
JULY 23, 2023

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MESSAGE NOTES

"A Hole in the Roof"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

Note [Mark 2:1-12](#)

So what can we learn from the various groups of people in this _____ account?

1. There Are Always People With _____ (note [Mark 2:3](#))

Note [Acts 3:2](#)

_____ at all our campuses/venues and online, there are people in need.

There's nothing _____ with being in need.

When you're in need, you need to focus on God, His truth, His _____, sing, pray, worship and connect with God's people...



- 1 Come every Sunday
- 2 Be part of a group
- 3 Serve on a team

The worst thing to do when you're in need is to isolate yourself from God, His truth and His people.

You become spiritually _____ (note [1 Peter 5:8](#))

2. There Are Always People Who _____

It wasn't _____ to bring this person to Jesus (note [Mark 2:4](#)).

But they let _____ stop them (note [Romans 12:10](#);

[Philippians 2:4](#); [Galatians 6:2](#)).

3. There Are Always People Who Are _____

Note [Mark 2:1-2a](#)

Most of the people gathered this day were _____, decent people.

They wanted to see and _____ Jesus.

They were in with the people who were _____ them...

They were in their Jesus-following circle/_____...

...and without knowing or even _____ it, just because they were so preoccupied with their own needs and desires, they had their backs turned to this paralyzed man.

Not only were they not being helpful to this person so he could get to Jesus, they were actually an _____ to him getting to Jesus.

4. There Are Always People Who Are _____

Note [Mark 2:5](#)

This immediately caught the attention of the religious leaders, who regarded themselves as the _____ of the faith and THE final authority on spiritual matters (note [Mark 2:6-7](#)).

Sometimes Jesus gives us what we _____ before He gives us what we _____.

There are always people who are critics, _____, and fault-finders.

Jesus didn't _____ for His critics (note [Mark 2:8-12](#)).

What does it mean for Riverside to MULTIPLY?:

- So _____, what group of people are you a part of?
- Note [1 Peter 5:7](#)

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect/next step card (digital* or hard copies).

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"A Hole in the Roof"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

Note [Mark 2:1-12](#)

So what can we learn from the various groups of people in this amazing account?

1. There Are Always People With Needs (note [Mark 2:3](#))

Note [Acts 3:2](#)

Right now at all our campuses/venues and online, there are people in need.

There's nothing wrong with being in need.

When you're in need, you need to focus on God, His truth, His grace, sing, pray, worship and connect with God's people...



The worst thing to do when you're in need is to isolate yourself from God, His truth and His people.

You become spiritually vulnerable (note [1 Peter 5:8](#))

2. There Are Always People Who Care

It wasn't easy to bring this person to Jesus (note [Mark 2:4](#)).

But they let nothing stop them (note [Romans 12:10](#); [Philippians 2:4](#); [Galatians 6:2](#)).

3. There Are Always People Who Are Preoccupied

Note [Mark 2:1-2a](#)

Most of the people gathered this day were good, decent people.

They wanted to see and hear Jesus.

They were in with the people who were like them...

They were in their Jesus-following circle/clique...

...and without knowing or even meaning it, just because they were so preoccupied with their own needs and desires, they had their backs turned to this paralyzed man.

Not only were they not being helpful to this person so he could get to Jesus, they were actually an obstacle to him getting to Jesus.

4. There Are Always People Who Are Critical

Note [Mark 2:5](#)

This immediately caught the attention of the religious leaders, who regarded themselves as the guardians of the faith and THE final authority on spiritual matters (note [Mark 2:6-7](#)).

Sometimes Jesus gives us what we need before He gives us what we want.

There are always people who are critics, naysayers, and fault-finders. Jesus didn't stop for His critics (note [Mark 2:8-12](#)).

What does it mean for Riverside to MULTIPLY?:

- So today, what group of people are you a part of?
- Note [1 Peter 5:7](#)

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