MAKING A WAY

ONE PERSON. ONE INVITATION.
ONE STEP CLOSER TO JESUS & COMMUNITY.



LIFE GROUPS

WEEK 3 • NOV 15

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NORTHSHORE'S COMPELLING STATEMENT

Hope changes everything.

ICE BREAKER

What's the one thing you've witnessed that you still find hard to believe happened?

BACKGROUND

In the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark, John was paving the way for the Messiah, the one who was promised to come and save His people. When Jesus came to the Jordan River, John baptized Him. This marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. From there, "the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan" (Mark 1:12-13).

After being tempted, Jesus called his disciples to follow him and began teaching "as one who had authority, and not as the scribes" (v. 22). In addition to teaching, Jesus healed a man in the synagogue who had an unclean spirit, he healed Simon Peter's mother-in-law, he healed a leper, and he healed "all who were sick or oppressed by demons" (v. 32) that were brought to him. The news about Jesus was spreading everywhere, and people were exceedingly eager to go see him.

In chapter 2, the paralytic entered the story. He and his friends have heard who Jesus was and what He could do, and they were desperately seeking him out. A man who seemingly had no hope now had a chance to meet His savior face to face.

REVIEW

What was meaningful from the above context or the sermon from last Sunday?

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KEY VERSES: Mark 2:10-11

But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home."

READ: Mark 2:1-12

HEAD LEVEL: *What does it say? These help us to examine what the Word tells us.*

1. How did the paralytic get to Jesus?

2. What was Jesus doing when this happened?

3. What did the scribes accuse Jesus of in verse 7? Why? What does this tell us about Jesus?

DEEPER DISCOVERY:

Read the verses below. What does it mean to blaspheme? Why was the accusation against Jesus so serious?

- Ezekiel 20:27-28
- Exodus 20:7
- Leviticus 24:10-16
- Mark 3:29

HEART LEVEL: *What does it mean? These questions help us shape our beliefs around the objective truth of God's word.*

1. In verse 5, why do you think it says "when Jesus saw their faith" instead of "when Jesus saw the paralytic's faith"? What is the significance of this?

2. Why do you think Jesus forgave the paralytic's sins when it seems that he came to Jesus to be physically healed?

3. In verse 9, which of these is easier to say? What was the purpose of Jesus' question here?

HANDS LEVEL: *What does it mean to me? These questions help us commit to live out the truth in our everyday lives and commit to potential next steps.*

1. The paralytic seemingly came to be physically healed, but was also forgiven of his sins. What are your reasons for coming to Jesus? Is it because of what He can do or is it because of who He is?

2. In what ways are you like the paralytic who needs Jesus' healing?

3. In what ways are you like the friends of the paralytic? Who in your life needs your display of faith to help them come to Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:7

. . . for we walk by faith, not by sight.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

(Please remember that these requests are confidential and need to stay within the group.)