

Mavuno LG

In This House

Community (Sermon 3) Week of March 20th 2017



Read Mark.2:1-12

We've been talking this month about how as a community of faith in Mavuno, we move from ordinary people into fearless influencers of society. That is, Christ followers that help change other people's lives.

This weekend Pastor spoke about the story of a man healed of paralysis because of the faith of his four friends. These guys had somehow heard about Jesus and knew he could heal their friend. So in sheer commitment and dedication, they carried him to the house where Jesus was, found they couldn't get it, and tore up the roof to get him through. The Bible says when Jesus saw their faith, he forgave and healed the man. A few key highlights from the Sunday talk were

- a. We were never created to walk alone.
- b. We need 4 crazy friends who will *take us to Jesus*. People that will be honest with us, loving enough and courageous enough to help us when we can't help ourselves.
- c. Our Life groups are our God given friends that help us walk the journey of faith. We must commit to the relationships in our group by loving each other and sharing our lives weekly.
- d. We must be willing to allow others to speak into our lives. By being ready to share our time and journey with others, we grow from ordinary to fearless.

The journey to becoming Christ like and fearless is **enhanced in community**. God changes us by process for the most time, not just miraculously. And that process usually involves others close to us enough to call us out and speak necessary truth into our lives. Leading us to healing and health in our walk with Christ.

Committing to those relationships and our small groups is **extremely important**, and something every one of us needs because that's where we find the four friends crazy enough to take us to Jesus.

Reflect: *Discussion Questions*

- What did God say to you through this sermon?
- How can we as a **Life group** be more serious and intentional about **getting together** weekly and helping each other become better Christ followers?
- How can we pray or help you obey the Lord in what he's challenging you to do?

Prayer: *Spend time praying for each other*

Finally...

Remind everyone of next week's meeting time and venue.