



find it here

MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Small Group.

Overcomer Week 3

ICE-BREAKER: How would you describe yourself in three words?

What words do you wish others would use to describe you?

How powerful are the labels that have been placed on you? When does labeling begin?

How did labels hurt you as a child or adolescent? How have those labels stuck around?

How have labels paralyzed you or someone you know?

READ: Mark 2:1-12

What labels might have been assigned to the man in today's text?

Can you imagine how self-conscious this man felt? What would be going through your mind if you were him? What might you have been thinking if you were there in the crowd?

Are you surprised that verse 5 references the faith of this man's friends instead of the man's faith? Why do you think Jesus did that?

What does this say about the importance of the faith of the people around you?

Your friends will either carry you toward Jesus or pull you away from Him. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? What has been your experience personally?

Why do you think Jesus chose to forgive the man's sins before healing him physically?
What happened that caused Jesus to go ahead and heal him?

What are some of your old labels? What new labels has Christ given you?

Be specific – Talk about something you can do this week to help someone else destroy the lies of the labels that have been applied to them?

Can you think of at least two people, who have been held back by labels, that you can encourage this week?

What is the difference between a new label verse a new identity?