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Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12

HEALER: The Healing Miracles of Jesus

1. We are continuing in a series based on Jesus healing miracles. How many of Jesus' healing miracles can you list?
2. Read Mark 2:1-12 and notice where your imagination stops. What questions do you have after reading these twelve verses?
3. In this story, some friends rip apart the roof of a house to get their friend in front of Jesus. Notice how Jesus keeps teaching while they are doing this. Why do you think he keeps on teaching? Notice how Jesus isn't upset by the interruption. How do you treat interruptions?
4. Interruptions in life can come in many forms. Interruptions with transportation, home repairs, work issues, or compromised health. How do you respond to interruptions in these situations?
5. On Sunday we were challenged to treat our interruptions instead like introductions. What is meant by this? What might this look like practically this week?
6. See also that in this interaction, Jesus extends compassion without condemnation. How can we work at extending more compassion in life to those we disagree with?
7. Important to the Christian life is also helping others find the right path to Jesus. When done in love, this is called discipleship not judgment. How can we do better at discipleship as individuals? As a church? What role can you play in discipleship at CLC? It's really about picking up shovels instead of rocks.
8. We also notice that Jesus turns a physical issue into a spiritual one by forgiving the man of his sins. How might you envision the paralytic's face looking when Jesus forgave him? Tell someone about a recent time Jesus forgave you and what your response was.
9. After forgiving the man, Jesus tells him to 'get up, take up his mat and go home.' Have you ever noticed that the man had a role in cooperating here? How has God asked you to cooperate in his will for your life?
10. We also notice that the men and their friend on the mat were in proximity to Jesus. What role does being close to Jesus play in our relationship with him?
11. We also noticed the friends were close to the paralytic. What role does proximity play in the way we relate to one another at CLC? Who can you take a step closer to this week in the hopes of helping them grow closer in their faith to Jesus? Who can you take a step closer to this week in the hopes of you growing closer in your faith to Jesus?