

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

Rooftop Ruckus – Mark 2:1-12

My Story

1. What is one of the greatest things your friends have ever done for you?

Digging Deeper

2. Why do you think the crowd did not make room for the paralyzed man, and where do you see similar patterns in our culture today? Why did Jesus begin with forgiving the man's sins instead of healing his body?
3. Why did the scribes accuse Jesus of blasphemy (at least internally)? How did Jesus' response to their thoughts settle the matter?

4. Compare this passage with Mark 3:1-6. What do you learn about Jesus from these two confrontations? What was Jesus' concern vs. that of the religious leaders?

Reflection

5. Who do you most identify with – the paralyzed man, his friends, the crowd, the scribes? Why? How has the faith of your friends affected you?
6. In what ways is sin like paralysis? What freedoms have Jesus' words of forgiveness given to you? What would it mean for you to "pick up your pallet and go home"?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

What “roof” do you need to tear through to get closer to Jesus in your life? Ask God to give you the courage to do what is necessary to bring that part of your life closer to Him, surrendering in obedience.

Praises / Prayer Requests

