

The Gospel of Mark

Group Guide: Week 6 Mark 2:1-12

INTRODUCTION

As the Gospel of Mark marches on, the identity of Jesus is slowly revealed more and more to the people. In chapter 1 everything Jesus says and does draws a crowd. In chapter 2 Jesus reveals he has even greater authority than anyone could imagine. Now for the first time in the story, Jesus' authority brings confrontation. Can this man Jesus really have the authority to forgive sins? How will Jesus respond to this confrontation?

PRAYER

READ

Have one person read Mark 2:1-12.

SUMMARIZE

Ask two people to summarize that passage who didn't summarize last week. Or two people who have yet to summarize the passage.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Have you ever been in a situation where you would do whatever it took to make sure your friend, or family member received the help they needed? What was the scenario? Why did you put so much effort into helping them?*
2. The faith of the men carrying the paralytic was necessary to bring the man to Jesus. And Jesus responds to their faith. *What would it look like for you to walk by faith for the benefit of another's relationship with Jesus?*
3. *What sort of sin (or idolatry) in your life seems to have a paralyzing effect on you?*

N.T. FURTHER READING

Matt. 9:2; Luke 5:19; James 5:13-17;

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Psalm 32, 103; Isaiah 43:25

FURTHER STUDY

As you read write out any words in this passage that would be helpful for you to look up in a dictionary.
