



SERIES 1: MARK 2:1-12

Sermon Notes

Text: Mark 2:1-12

Intro:

Mark 3:27 - strong man theme

Jesus returns home to Capernaum, and crowds gather at his house.

This encounter is the first in a series of escalating controversies between Jesus and the religious leaders. By Mark 3:6, the Pharisees decide to plot with the Herodians to kill Jesus.

Jesus heals the paralytic

Jesus knows that the truest and deepest kind of healing comes not from a restored body; it comes from a restored relationship with God. The physical healing was secondary in order to provide proof of his authority to forgive.

Son of Man

Jesus' favourite title for himself (see Daniel 7:13-14)

The representative for all humanity - given authority by God.

Conclusion:

1. This story is a picture of prayer

Get to Jesus!

2. This story is a picture of faith

Sometimes we need to borrow our friends' faith

3. There's a hidden but not so hidden message

Jesus can forgive YOUR sins too.

Life Group Discussion

Prayer:

Warm up:

1. What do you think it would be like to have the power to heal everyone you touched? How would people respond to you? This is how Jesus would have felt.

Study & Discussion:

1. What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you?
2. Read Mark 2:1-12. What stands out to you in this story? What are how are the difference groups of people responding to Jesus (crowd, teachers of the law, men who brought the paralytic).
3. Do you think there's a connection between forgiveness and physical healing? Why or why not?
4. What does this story teach us about prayer? What does it teach us about faith?

Practicing the Way of Jesus:

1. Think about a challenge you've been facing on your own. What friends can you enlist to carry you like the friends of the paralytic? Call them, tell them about your struggles, and ask for prayer.