



### **Part Two: Defining Moment**

Do you ever wonder why sometimes God doesn't seem to answer your prayers? Why it seems like He is letting you go through hardship and isn't helping you with your urgent needs? The answer to that question, for many of us, is found in the story we look at today as Jesus takes an opportunity to shine a light on this question.

**Scripture:** Mark 2:1-12

**Bottom Line:** The things we want the most are not always the things we need the most.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do people prioritize the urgent needs over the eternal ones?
2. Describe a time when you didn't get what you wanted, but got what you needed.
3. When have you been disappointed at God's answers to your prayers?
4. If you believed that forgiveness of sins is the greatest need, how would your priorities change? How would your prayers change?
5. How should God's forgiveness impact your daily life?
6. What needs to change about your perspective in order for you to see what you need the most?

### **What Will You Do?**

In light of God's concern about your holiness and His agenda for your life, what are some things you should begin to be concerned about? In the space below, list three to five godly concerns for your life that you can begin to address this week.

### **Think About It**

The more we want what God wants for us, the more we begin to work with Him in our lives. What are some ways you can align your desires with God's?