

## THE HEART OF THE MATTER

### PERCEIVE: WHO JESUS IS

Jesus doesn't always operate according to our EXPECTATIONS.

Jesus has the AUTHORITY to forgive.

Jesus cares about both our IMMEDIATE and our ULTIMATE needs.

Jesus addresses our lives at the HEART level.

### RECEIVE: WHAT WE NEED

Forgiveness is everyone's ULTIMATE need.

Forgiveness is RECEIVED not ACHIEVED.

Forgiveness FLOWS.

## Life Group Intersect

For the week of October 10, 2021

### QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### MY STORY

2. Group Icebreaker Questions:
  - What is the most people you've ever hosted in your home?
  - Have you ever had an incident of unexpected damage to your home / place of residence? What was it?
3. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?  
*"Jesus cares about healing people spiritually... not physically."*
4. Everyone in this passage is *pressing* to Jesus bringing their need before Him (except the scribes). What needs am I *pressing* to bring to Him?

## DIGGING DEEPER

How does this passage help give a fuller answer to the question “*Who is Jesus?*”

Of the four main characters in this passage – Jesus, the crowds, the paralytic (and his friends), and the scribes, which one can you most relate to?

Do you think Jesus’ words to the scribes are an *invitation* or *accusation*?

## TAKING IT HOME

1. Jesus doesn’t often operate according to my expectations. When that happens, what does it take for me to reset my expectations to align with His?
2. Is there someone I am struggling to extend forgiveness to? How does God’s forgiveness need to flow? Is there anything blocking that flow that needs to get set aside?
3. What is one thing I sense the Holy Spirit is calling me to do in light of what I’ve learned?

Prayer Requests:

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