



Part 2: Making Space

This week we look at what it means to make space so people can meet Jesus and experience His transforming power. In a story from the gospel of Mark, four friends overcame every barrier to bring someone they loved to Jesus. This reminds us that creating space for others is an act of faith.

Discussion Questions

1. Share a time when someone “made space” for you: relationally, spiritually, or practically. How did it affect you? Think about Westside (or another church you’ve been part of): how have you seen people invest in environments or ministries that helped you, or someone you love, encounter Jesus?
2. Read Mark 2:1-12. As you read the story of the four friends and the paralyzed man, what stands out to you most? Their determination? The crowd? Jesus’ response? Contrast the crowd with the friends. What attitudes or habits can make a church community more like the “crowd,” and what attitudes make us more like the barrier-removing friends?
3. The friends believed that if their friend could meet Jesus, his life would be changed. What does this teach us about faith, compassion, and responsibility? How might this challenge the way we think about serving or investing in our church’s environments?
4. What did you think about the renovation plans? Thinking about accessibility, children’s ministry, hospitality space, or Alpha: where do you see the greatest opportunity for us to remove barriers and welcome people more fully? The sermon highlighted that we are benefiting today from people who invested long before us. How does that truth challenge or inspire you when you think about investing in the future of the church?

Moving Forward

Close by praying together. Ask God how He might be inviting each of us to participate through generosity. Pray for the accessibility renovations, permit process, Christmas Fund goals, and pray that God would use these efforts to help many people meet Jesus.