

5. Reflect on the concept of our individualistic culture. Where do you see individualism around you? Does it promote or impede God's kingdom?

6. What does this story and miracle(s) teach us about God's perspective and priority regarding our needs?

7. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

Missional Application

God calls us to be active in bringing people to Jesus—the only one who has the power to heal our physical infirmities and forgive our sins.

Christ Connection

Through his healing of the paralyzed man, Jesus demonstrated his authority over human suffering and his authority to forgive sins. By claiming to forgive sins, Jesus was putting himself on par with God—the only one who can command disease and wipe away our wickedness.

Jesus the Miracle-worker (Part 2)

"We Can Do More Together"

Mark 2:1-12

3 things that lead to the healing we all need

1. _____

1. Meaningful _____ lead to _____ friendship

2. Sharing one-another's burdens _____

2. _____

1. Jesus saw their _____ (Mark 2:5)

2. Formed by _____

1. _____ vs. _____ faith

3. _____

1. Jesus shows us that _____ is a greater need than healing
2. Jesus relieved both _____ and _____ suffering

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Mark 2:1-12. Which character in the story do you most relate with in this current season of your life? Are you paralyzed, a helping friend, a worshiping participant or a doubting on-looker?
3. The gospel writer of Mark emphasizes that the man being carried to Jesus is a friend of the four men carrying him. What does this detail teach us, and remind us about friendship, trust, and those we can most readily carry to Jesus?
4. Continuing from Question 3; Spend some time reflecting on the friends, neighbors, co-workers, and fellow-parents in your life. Who does God bring to your mind and heart. Add them to your prayer list and pray for how God will use you to carry them to himself.

Family Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when someone helped you?
2. Describe a time when someone carried you to Jesus?
3. Who is someone in our lives that needs to be carried to Jesus?
4. What can we do as a family to carry people to Jesus?