



JESUS *stories*



Jesus Stories

“Jesus and the Paralyzed Man”

April 3, 2022 // Tyler Scott, Lead Pastor

INTRODUCTION

In our current series “JESUS STORIES,” for the last few weeks we’ve been in Mark's gospel. Written by John Mark (who was a helper of Peter and Paul), history tells us this was the first written account of Jesus of Nazareth. The gospel is fast-paced. We read that Jesus moved from here, went there, healed, preached, and taught. In Mark 2 we find Jesus back in Capernaum. His fame and notoriety has spread to the people so much that the home He is teaching in is packed full. In a full miracle Jesus heals a paralyzed man. But the physical healing can overshadow the spiritual healing the man received for the forgiveness of sins.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Mark 2:1-12.** What stands out to you the most about the scene inside and outside of the house?
2. The first (of 3) application points (re: our NEEDs) was, “***We need friends who will do whatever it takes to bring us to Jesus.***” Do you have friends like this? Why are friends like this so important? Share a time where a friend made a great effort to bring you to Jesus (ie. had Confidence in God, Carried you for a time, was Creative in their support, or Contagious with their faith).
3. The 2nd application point was, “***We need to be friends who do whatever it takes to bring people to Jesus.***” Why is this so important? Share a time where you did something significant to bring someone to Jesus (perhaps like the 4 C's mentioned above). What was your motivation, and how did they respond?
4. In what areas of your life might God be calling you to demonstrate bold, creative, or contagious faith like these men...or to bring someone to Jesus?
5. What is your biggest takeaway from the **FOR the World** update in the sermon (about 200,000+ coming to Christ in the banner outreach in India, or the video of the hundreds of people getting baptized)?
6. The 3rd application point was, “***Our greatest need is forgiveness of sins, and we have that in Jesus.***” How does this reality affect the way you can respond to other needs in your life? How did Jesus meet our deepest need for forgiveness of sins? What does this tell us about his ability/willingness to meet other needs we have?

PRAYER

Pray for one another. You can ask God to provide friends who bring us to Jesus, or thank Him if you already experience that blessing. You can pray for boldness to be friends that bring other people to Jesus...and also pray that God provides opportunities to do so. And pray that your identity would be built upon the foundation of God's forgiveness, love and grace...especially as we wait for needs to be met in our lives.