



# GOOD NEWS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JESUS IS KING

# **INTRO**

*in subsets if needed  
(15 min)*

## **CARE**

Looking back on the last week,  
what is one thing for which you're thankful  
and one thing for which we can pray?

Pray.

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## **FOCUS**

Today we're placing our attention on Mark 2:1-12.  
Here we discover how God makes broken people whole.

Focus your time and attention on helping the group understand

- a) the power of God at work in the story.
- b) the importance of the community of God in His plan for mending broken people.
- c) the good news that God can mend their brokenness.

# READ

*and re-read*

## **Mark 2:1-12**

[1] And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. [2] And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. [3] And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. [4] And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. [5] And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." [6] Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, [7] "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" [8] And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? [9] Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? [10] But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—[11] "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." [12] And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" (ESV)

# DISCUSS

(30 min)

| 1 |

What are the main ideas of this passage?

| 2 |

Have you ever experienced a season of deep brokenness?  
If you're willing, would you share a bit with us about that season?  
Where did you see God at work throughout that season?

| 3 |

God loves broken people. Throughout the gospels Jesus intentionally meets people in their brokenness so that he can make them whole.

How do people wind up in a broken state?  
Why is it important to be considerate of the factors that led to someone's brokenness?

| 4 |

In our passage today we see the power of God working in tandem with the people of God to bring healing to the paralyzed man.

Where have you seen the people of God play a role in bringing wholeness and healing to a broken person or situation?

| 5 |

What was the religious leaders' response to Jesus healing the paralytic?  
What does it reveal about their hearts?  
What does Jesus' response to them in verse 9 reveal about the brokenness of mankind?

| 6 |

In a very real way the paralytic's friends set Jesus up to shine by trusting that lowering their friend down to him would result in his healing. Wholeness is often found when communities partner with God to help their broken friends.

How can our group work to help one another in times of brokenness?  
How can this group partner with Jesus to be good news to one another in tough times?

# *OBEY*

*(10 min)*

**| 1 |**

Are there any principles to apply or commands to obey from our passage today?

**| 2 |**

Is there something you need to do  
- and/or -  
someone you need to tell in response to what you've learned today?

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Prayer of Commission

