

Message Notes
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The leper and the paralytic... What do they have in common? What do we have in common with them?

1. We are all sin-sick.

What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?

2. Only Jesus has the cure!

What can we learn from the example set by the leper and paralytic?

3. Jesus enables us to pursue him.
4. Jesus expects and enables us to obey Him.

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1. Has God called you to follow Him? Have one or two people in your group share the story of how Jesus called them to follow Him.
2. Read Mark 1:40-2:12 together. The paralytic's four friends played a critical role in his life! Briefly share a time when God used people in your life to connect you to Him or to help you grow in your faith.
3. Jesus' responses in John 5:14 and 9:3 show us that sin can be but is not always a result of sin. Are there people in our world whose affliction we might unfairly judge to be caused by their sin? If so, what example do we have of Jesus' treatment of "sinners?" How should His example guide us?
4. We have now been studying the Gospel of Mark for 5 weeks. Take a few minutes to read Mark 1:1 to 2:12 straight through. Having heard God's Word, what about Jesus is most striking?
5. Think of a time when you went to great lengths, perhaps fighting crowds, to see someone. Ask yourself... Do you pursue Jesus with the same determination? Pray for one another that you would all "consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:8)