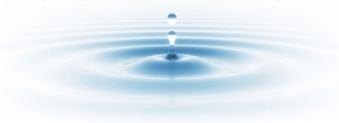


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Discipleship Resources for Community Church



Week of
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When brokenness threaten to win

This week we return again to Mark 2:1-12, but from the perspective of the paralytic man. His condition is such a clear example of how we are a broken people living in a broken world. Though few of us can relate to the specifics of a paralyzed body, we can all relate to the reality that the natural state of the world since sin is of utter brokenness. This can threaten to convince us of hopelessness and cynicism. However, the paralyzed man's story is simple, yet profound. He had people around him who were willing to take him to Jesus.

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

MARK 2:1-5

THIS WEEK:

- Reflection:** Who are the people in your life who are willing to take you to Jesus? How do you invite others to be able to carry you back to Jesus? Its easy to keep relationships at a surface level and to put on the "mask" of everything being ok, but the story of the friends who were willing to carry their friend, dig through a roof, and bring him directly to Jesus feet reveals a deeper level of commitment to each other. Have you been willing to invite others to this deeper level?
- Application:** What would it look like to foster a commitment to have people in your life to be ready and willing to bring you back to Jesus? Whether you have people that fit this description or not, consider reaching out to a friend this week today to discuss what this level of commitment could look like!