

Sermon Discussion Guide

February 1, 2026

Series: MARK: *the Life of a Disciple*

Title: Evangelistic Fervor

Passage: Mark 2:1-17

Discussion starters:

What is something you deeply want for someone close to you right now?

Read Mark 2:1-5

1. What stands out to you about the determination of the four friends?
2. Why do you think Jesus responds to *their* faith instead of the paralyzed man's?
3. What does this show us about the role people can play in helping others encounter Jesus?
4. Who helped "carry" you toward Jesus throughout your life?
5. Who has God placed on your heart that you could begin carrying? How can you do that?

Read Mark 2:5-12

1. Why do you think Jesus forgives the man's sins before healing him?
2. What does this tell us about how Jesus prioritizes spiritual need over physical need?
3. Why do we naturally prioritize physical need over someone's spiritual need?
4. How can we help each other as a group keep salvation and spiritual health at the center?
5. How might this change the way we pray for or support someone we love?

Read Mark 2:13-17

1. What does Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners reveal about God's heart?
2. Why do you think it bothered religious leaders so much?
3. Jesus says the sick need a doctor. What does it look like to honestly live as people who know we need Jesus? (Sick people)
4. How does this shape the way we show up on Sunday mornings to church? How does it shape how we interact with people on Sundays and throughout the week?
5. Who in your life might feel far from God but is exactly the kind of person Jesus would sit with?

Live this Out Together:

1. Jesus didn't just talk about loving the sick, he went where they were. What does this look like for us as a group?
2. Which of these opportunities feel like a tangible way we can "bring Jesus" into our community?
 - a. Volunteer at the Eddy House to serve a meal, sort clothes, etc.
 - b. Purchase Baby Boutique items for Real Choices?

Prayer:

Invite each person to name one person they want to help carry to Jesus, and one action they feel led to take. Pray together as a group for the named person and the courage to act.