



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Lion and the Lamb
Who is there like you (I'm lifting up my hands)
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Amazing Grace (my chains)
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER I Stand Amazed in the presence
BIBLE READING Mark 2:1-12 (Church Bible page 1055)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Yet not I but through Christ in me



Like no other ~5
Why Jesus has authority to forgive sin.
Mark 2:1-12

'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Mark 2:5 NIV

1. Identify your _____ about Jesus.

'A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.' Mark 2:1 NIV

'So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.' Mark 2:2 NIV

'Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralysed man was lying on.' Mark 2:3-4 NIV

2. Recognise your _____ of Jesus.

'Four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't get to Jesus through the crowd, so they dug through the clay roof above his head. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.' Mark 2:3-4 NLT

'If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.' 1 John 1:8-10 NLT

3. By faith, experience _____ from Jesus.

'When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."' Mark 2:5 NIV

'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.' Romans 3:23 NIV

4. Accept the _____ of Jesus.

'Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"' Mark 2:6-7 NIV

'Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?"' Mark 2:8 NIV

'Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?' Mark 2:9 NIV

'But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." He said to the paralytic, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."' Mark 2:10-11 NIV

'He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"' Mark 2:12 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What would you say are some of the main objections to Jesus?
2. The heart and the very lifeblood of the Christian message is that sinners but can know the fullness of forgiveness for sin, Mark 2:5. Why is it crucial to know that personally and what difference does it make to us to know we truly are forgiven?
 - Why is it hard for unsaved people to realise they are sinners needing forgiveness from Jesus?
 - How might we tell others that Jesus offers them forgiveness?
3. Read Mark 2:1-12. What do the details of the story tell you about the paralysed man, his friends, and Jesus' reputation?
 - How did Jesus evaluate the faith of the paralytic man and his friends? (v5)
 - Why did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of blasphemy? (v6-7)
 - How did Jesus respond to the thoughts of the Pharisees? (v8-9)
 - How did Jesus show that He had authority to forgive sins? (v9)
4. What does the healing of the paralytic reveal about Jesus's power and authority?
5. Read Daniel 7:13-14. Jesus uses the title 'Son of Man' for Himself. Why is this title ultimately such a significant title for Him to use in reference to Himself?
6. Do you believe that no one is outside Jesus' reach? If so, what are you willing to do about bringing "hopeless" people to Jesus?
7. What are some of the roadblocks about Jesus people have? How could you help these people with the roadblocks you have just identified?
8. What does it mean to bring someone to Jesus? What is your part in someone's salvation?



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