

## ALONG THE WAY | WEEK 2

Date: April 23, 2023

Verses: Mark 2:1-12



### SERIES INSIGHT

**Along the Way** is a series through the book of Mark! Join us as we unpack how Jesus worked and moved in the lives of people like you me on the journey of life “along the way”.

### ICEBREAKER

- What's the most embarrassing fashion trend you participated in?
- Summer is right around the corner... Any plans yet? Vacations in mind?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. How have you been living as Jesus' disciple this week? "Learn the Words of Jesus; Live the Ways of Jesus; Love like Jesus"
  - **Leader Note:** Consider asking about the **SOAP Bible Study Challenge** – Are people in your group doing it? What has been their experience of it so far? Any key takeaways or meaningful moments this past week? Any challenges as they've navigated through it?
3. Read Mark 2:1-12. Think of a loved one or someone you know who suffers from a serious physical injury. Imagine what life would be like for that person and family if you had the ability to heal them. Is there any reason you might refuse to heal them?
4. What is our biggest problem and how does God deal with it?
5. What obstacles did the paralytic face in his bid for healing?
6. How did he manage to get in front of Jesus? Put yourself in the shoes of someone inside that house with Jesus. You're surrounded by everyday people as well as Jewish officials and teachers listening to Jesus talk about his Father's kingdom.
7. What would you—along with the people in the house—expect from Jesus when the paralytic comes down through a hole in the roof? How do you think you would have reacted to his initial statement?
8. How big of a deal is your sin to you?
9. In what ways does your perspective of your sin reflect God's view of it? Reflect on those you tend to minimize, ignore, or justify.
10. If you were able to choose, would you rather be healed physically of a life-altering ailment or illness, or forgiven your sins? Why?

### PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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