

13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

BOLDLY

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SKYLINE S18

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

18TH
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Read Mark 2:3-12

Going Boldly Beyond is what God has told us to do this year! There are three barriers

1. Go Boldly Beyond Conventional Barriers:

The paralytic went boldly beyond in **five conventional areas**

Social: He overcame Shame, Smell, Stigma associated with his paralysis

Physical: He overcame mobility with help of his friends. Strong carry weak

People: Crowds prevented him from getting near Jesus

Financial/ Goodwill: Breaking through roof had financial and goodwill consequences

We broke conventional barriers!

We bought a gaming place: not conventional!

We change the name, image, usage of the property: not conventional!

We will reach marketplace, the poor, the surrounding community: not conventional

SKYARENA will be for ALL.

A place of worship, hope, faith, joy, compassion, love. Touch the Marketplace & Poor!

CGQ: When they broke through the roof, Jesus didn't see the mess, the dirt, the disruption or a houseful of angry people. **He saw faith!** "Now when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son your sins are forgiven!"(v 5).

Going boldly beyond equals faith! In what ways have your faith grown as a result of the purchase of Blue 7 (now to be called SkyArena)? In what ways do you feel God have led us to go boldly beyond this year? In what way have you tried to go boldly beyond for yourself?

2. Go boldly beyond "Religious" Barriers:

The scribes became furious with Jesus! Forgive sins? They thought: No one can forgive sins except God alone! Jesus is claiming himself to be God! That's blasphemy!!

What religious barriers are there? Church and workplace don't mix; it's a sacred secular divide barrier. Church building is for Sundays only. Church interior is for services only. Church compound is empty for church use only. SkyArena is open every day! Businesses can use our auditorium. Poor and needy can come into our compound!

We must go boldly beyond unhelpful, restrictive narrow traditions of religion so the Holy Spirit to do God's powerful work of healing and miracles in our midst. In these past 40D of dawn prayer, miracles of financial provisions, miraculous sale of properties, salvations of loved ones, expansion of businesses during MCO, healing of incurable diseases and sicknesses etc have taken place!! Breaking religious barriers we see miracles!

CGQ: Jesus said: “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home..” (v 10-11). He used miracle to convince skeptics that it was ok to break religious barriers. What has the conviction that “God does not dwell anymore in buildings but that He uses buildings”, done to change your idea of what we can use SkyArena for? Do you feel when you give towards SkyArena you are giving towards a building or lives and legacy? Share why?

3. Go Boldly Beyond Spiritual (or Faith) Barriers

When Jesus asked the young man to rise, take up his bed and go home this is what he did: “And he rose and **immediately (no hesitation, no if no buts, no doubt no second thoughts)** picked up his bed (**acted intentionally in obedience**) ... then went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”(v 12).

Going beyond spiritual barriers is taking the very last step of faith! **The last step of your faith is first step of your miracle.** To decide is not enough we must act. It's the two frogs on the lily-leaf story! Like the widow in Elisha's story who poured out her oil and then only found the oil flow didn't cease. The paralytic first rose..., and then found his legs had strength! Miracles come to us and our household only after we step out and act in obedience!

CGQ: How did this story change your faith and the way you act in response to God's voice in your life? How does this story model the way we can grow our faith by overcoming barriers: conventional, religious or spiritual? **What did you learn and what were you most excited about in this year's FAITH PROMISE DAY?**