

## Grow Together Because of the Crowd

**Mark 2:1-5** “When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God’s word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn’t bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘My child, your sins are forgiven.’”

**Good News Travels** \_\_\_\_\_ “When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home.” (v.1)

**Mark 1:45** “But the man went and spread the word, proclaiming to everyone what had happened. As a result, large crowds soon surrounded Jesus, and he couldn’t publicly enter a town anywhere. He had to stay out in the secluded places, but people from everywhere kept coming to him.”

**John 4:39-40** “Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, ‘He told me everything I ever did!’ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days,”

**Exciting Things Draw** \_\_\_\_\_ “Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door.” (v.2)

**Acts 2:46-47** “They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. **And each day the Lord added to their fellowship** those who were being saved.”

**Acts 5:14** “Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women.”

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**Luke 8:43-44** “A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped.”

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