

PEOPLE MATTER

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The Code — City Church values that we strive to achieve as a church body. One point of the code is **PEOPLE MATTER**, *We believe that we should be broken over the awareness that lost people go to hell, so we will seek to reach them with the message of the Gospel.*

In the beginning

- Genesis 1 – Creation
- Genesis 2 – Birth of Humanity
- Genesis 3 – The Fall of Man

Sin has always been a powerful weapon to separate us from God.

Genesis 3 Aftermath

Deception → Fear → Hiding

Search and Rescue Mission

Everything after Genesis 3 is about God's search and rescue mission.

John 1:17, For the law was given through Moses, but God's unending love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ.

John 14:6, Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

A story of 4 men who did whatever it took for their friend to meet Jesus...

Luke 5:17-26, *One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."*

Observation about this passage:

1. *Jesus taught us the main need for every person is forgiveness of sins.*
2. *We should do all we can to help our friends meet Jesus.*

Creativity
Urgency
Persistence

3. *It took a team effort.*