

the unexpected.

what's with miracles?

"THE UNEXPECTED" WEEK 4 NOTES **APRIL 30**

KEY THOUGHTS

- Jesus did not do miracles just to show His raw power, but so they could see His redemptive purpose.
- Jesus' miracles always pointed to the mission – "To seek and save the lost"
- In Mark 2:3-4, the paralyzed man has friends that care so much about their friend that they will do whatever it takes to get him to Jesus.
- Write down a list of the people - friends that you have real meaningful conversations with. If you don't have people – you need them (a band of brothers). It's too late when you need them to get some, who are the people that would rally around you, pray for you?
- Faith is believing that God is who He says He is and that He will always keep His promises.
- Faith produces action
- "Son, your sins are forgiven." There is a good chance that this man had never been referred to as son, because of his condition the twisted theology of the day was that his physical condition was a result of spiritual punishment - John 9 "Who sinned"? Jesus didn't call him by the label the world put on him cripple – sinner – unclean Jesus calls him son. What is the miracle they were looking for? The only eternal miracle is salvation.
- Authority has to be earned or given – Jesus was given the authority by His Father and He earned it by living a perfect sinless life by dying a horrific death on a cross so that the sins of the world could be forgiven.
- Jesus knows what's truly in our hearts.
- We have two kinds of needs, one physical one spiritual. The Son of Man has authority over both.
- We need to figure out who we are - Two kinds of people friends or Pharisees do we see Jesus through the eyes of faith or the eyes of the arrogant in disbelief?
- When we discover who Jesus is it deepens our relationship with Him – the friends. Then we help others discover who Jesus is. One of the best ways to deepen your relationship with Jesus is to help others discover their need for a relationship with Jesus

SCRIPTURES

- Mark 2:1-12
- Acts 1:8
- John 15:13
- Acts 15:9
- Ezekiel 36:26

PRACTICAL & REFLECTION

- 1 - Share your faith with others. Create invitations to engage with learning more about God. Invitation that means you meet them at the door bring them.
- 2 - Serve others. When they come, they get a chance to experience Jesus. Pray for others, and seek God's Words on how you can help others, and know how to show them Jesus.
- 3 - Remove obstacles – accepted, welcomed, wanted, loved. Acts 15:9 "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.
- 4 - Trust God to do what only God can do. The only eternal miracle is salvation. Will you be a friend that would do whatever it takes. I truly believe that when we do our part to get someone to Jesus we can trust Jesus to do the rest.