

## **We Are the Church —2**

### **The Miracle You Need Most**

... *“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”* Mark 2:17 NIV

*They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Some men came, bringing to [Jesus] a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”* Mark 2:2-5 NIV

#### **In Every Church ...**

- **You see someone in need.**
- **You see someone who cares.**
- **You see someone who’s preoccupied.**
- **We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don’t know Christ. To reach people no one is reaching, we’ll have to do things no one is doing.**

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- **Sometimes God gives us what we need before He gives us what we want.**

- **You see someone who's critical.**

*Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup>“Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Mark 2:6-7 NIV*

*... So [Jesus] said to the man, <sup>11</sup>“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” <sup>12</sup>He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” Mark 2:10-12 NIV*

- **We're all someone who can be changed.**

## **TALK IT OVER**

Read **Mark 2:3-4**. Is anyone in your life in need of help? How might God be calling you to help them?

God wants us to bring all of our needs to Him. What do you need from God right now?

Share about a time when someone cared for you. How did that change you? How did that impact your relationship with God?