



THE IMPLICATIONS OF JESUS

Week 2- “The Deeper Issue”

This week we are focusing on a specific interaction that Jesus had with someone, and how this interaction speaks into one of the biggest problems we have with God. We will look at what He did and what He said, and the implications it has on our lives today.

1. Why do you think some people look to God only when things in their lives are difficult and need fixing?
2. Where are you feeling an external tension in your life right now?
3. Do you have a hard time trusting God and following Him when He doesn't answer your prayers the way you need Him to? Why or why not?

Read Mark 2:1-12

4. Have you focused on your “if onlys” so much that they are defining who you are?
5. What or whom have you placed your hope and identity in?
6. Do you have an “if only” that you are asking God to solve, or waiting for it to resolve so that then you will “be ok?”
7. Have you been able to find peace in Him whether the “if only” happens or not? If not, what step can you take to trust Him regardless?

Jesus said to the man “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Jesus loved him so much that He knew that to only fix the external problem would never be enough. He wanted to heal him at a heart level.

8. Are you living in that reconciliation or are you allowing that struggle with sin to draw you away from God and place your hope in something else?

If all we do is focus on the external we may miss what God wants to do in our hearts. God is after our hearts and when our hearts find Him they find the peace to be able to live in this broken world. When we place our trust in Jesus our internal sin problem is reconciled and we can rest in Him.