

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Jesus Heals the Paralytic Man” – Pastor Jordan Moore

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1) Have you ever had a home project go wrong? What happened?

Read Matthew 9:1-2 & Mark 2:4-5 (NLT) – “Jesus climbed into a boat and went back across the lake to his own town. 2 Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven.’”

“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. 5 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘My child, your sins are forgiven.’”

2) The friends of the paralytic man were determined to help him find his miracle. How can the role of a friend play into our personal faith?

Read Matthew 9:3-6 – “But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves, ‘That’s blasphemy! Does he think he’s God?’ 4 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, ‘Why do you have such evil thoughts in your hearts? 5 Is it easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? 6 So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.’ Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!’”

3) The Pharisees missed the point of the miracle in this passage by focusing on what they thought was right. How do we keep our focus on what is the heart of God and not just what we think is right?

4) In what ways do we relate to the Pharisees in this account?

5) Sometimes, forgiveness must take place before God will do the miraculous. Where else in scripture do we see this talked about?

6) What is your biggest takeaway from the account of the paralytic man?

Prayer: Take a moment to pray for the needs of your group.