



# December 10 – 16

For Everyone | The Faith of Friends

**Icebreaker:** Have you, or someone you know of, ever wanted something (a Christmas present, a relationship...etc) and were obsessed with getting it? How did that desire affect your actions and motivation level? What happened in the end?

## Read Mark 2:1-12

- What do we learn about the setting? What is Jesus doing? What are the people doing?
- How would people have known about Jesus during this time? How would they know where to find him?
- What is the goal of the four men for the paralyzed man?
- What plausible barriers could have stopped the four men from bringing the paralytic to Jesus?
- What risks did the four men take to bring the paralyzed man to Jesus? (social, financial, relational)
- Whose faith does Jesus respond to? Why is this significant?
- Why would Jesus begin his interaction with forgiving the man's sins?
- What was he seeking to demonstrate by healing the man? Who needed to see this?
- What was the result among the people who witnessed this?
- What can this story teach us about bringing our friends to Jesus?
- How do the needs of this man parallel the needs of our friends?
- What kinds of risks do we face in seeking to share Jesus with our friends?
- What prevents broken people from coming to Jesus today?
- What prevents us from bringing the lost to Jesus? What fears stop us? What wrong beliefs make us hesitate?
- There are so many more ways for people to learn about Jesus today. Why is a personal invitation still so important?
- What prevents you from sharing your faith with a friend or inviting them to church?

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