

QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED: WEEK 1

Mark 2:1-12

MESSAGE RECAP

This week we kicked off our series on the questions Jesus asked by looking at Mark 2:1–12, where Jesus asks a powerful question:

“Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk?’” Mark 2:9

In the story, four friends carry a paralyzed man to Jesus. When the crowd blocks the door, they climb onto the roof, tear it open, and lower their friend down in front of Him. Their determination shows what real faith can look like, doing whatever it takes to help someone encounter Jesus. Jesus first forgives his sins, revealing that our greatest need isn’t physical healing but spiritual forgiveness.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Mark 2:1–12 together.
 - a. What part of the story stands out to you the most, and why?
2. The four friends did whatever it took to bring their friend to Jesus—even tearing open a roof.
 - a. What does their persistence teach us about faith and about caring for others?
3. Jesus first forgives the man’s sins before healing his body.
 - a. Why do you think Jesus addressed forgiveness before physical healing? What does that reveal about our deepest need?
4. The teachers of the law were uncomfortable with Jesus forgiving sins.
 - a. Why do you think people were more comfortable with Jesus as a miracle worker than as a Savior?
5. Verse 5 says Jesus responded when He “saw their faith.”
 - a. Who are the people in your life who have carried you spiritually at different times? How can we be that kind of friend for others?
6. The message ended with the challenge: “Who is your one?”
 - a. Is there a specific person God has placed on your heart to pray for or invite to church? What might “whatever it takes” look like for you in that relationship?