



Week #9 of The Gospel of Mark

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## Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. Thinking about Mark 2:1-12. What do we learn about love, sacrifice, and friendship from this passage?
2. The four friends from the sermon absolutely would have wanted a front-row seat to see Jesus but instead went out of their way to bring their paralyzed friend through a roof. As you think about their great sacrifice, what about your willingness to serve others comes to mind?
3. In the two stories Mark 1:40-2:12, what can we learn about true and counterfeit spirituality?

### Living Together

- Who are some of the “untouchables” in our society today?
- What would be the most challenging part about being paralyzed?

### Living in Our Understanding

1. Looking back on your notes for last Sunday's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that uniquely caught your attention?
2. Read Mark 1:40-45. What do the man's words and attitude tell us about his physical and spiritual condition? What do we learn about Jesus from these verses?
3. Read Mark 2:1-12 and answer the following questions...
  - What was Jesus doing when the events of this story took place? Why is this important?
  - How do we see faith in the participants of this story?
  - How did the crowd react to Jesus' healing the paralytic?

### Deepening Our Hearts for God

- How do you think God wants you to treat the untouchables in our lives?
- As you look back on the sermon and study questions, can you think of any friends/co-workers/family God would want you to be more intentional in serving in the next few weeks?

### Looking Ahead

Read Mark 2-3. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out. What does Jesus do in these two chapters to change people's thoughts about religion and their relationship with God?

