

Life Application Questions

Consider the following sermon-based questions for your individual study or with a group of folks like one of the several Life Groups available at Chilson Hills.

Foundational Scripture:

Mark 2:1-12

Featured Scripture Reflection

*“When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’”
(Mark 2:5, NIV)*

Opening Icebreaker

If you awoke in the middle of the night with a significant emergency, which 4 friends would you call?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- What would you be seeing or feeling if you were in the crowd surrounding Jesus?
- If you were the owner of the house, what would you be thinking?
- What are some reasons the teachers of the law are so upset?
- What reasons might there be for Jesus choosing to talk about the man’s sins and not just healing the man?
- What new insight about the Kingdom of God is Jesus revealing in this encounter?

How is your life touched?

- In what ways do you see sin and paralysis connected: In the young man’s life? In your life?
- What freedom has Jesus’ word of forgiveness given you in the past or present?
- Who in this story is most like you?
- What can the group do to support you in your area of greatest need?

What is God’s invitation to you?

- Jesus’ ceiling shattering encounter brings about an invitation to bring friends to Jesus. Who do you know that is paralyzed in some manner and needs to hear the forgiving message of Jesus? What can you do to be the friend who helps them meet the Savior?

What can you pray for?

- Pray that Chilson Hills will be a joyous Community of God’s incredible love power celebrating Jesus Christ forgiveness even when it means tearing down a ceiling.