

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 5/15/22

DISCUSSION:

(Discuss the question cluster below)

Mark 2:1-12

This week, our passage covered a highly unusual event – a paralyzed man, lowered through a freshly torn open roof of a house, to meet with Jesus and be healed. Even more unexpectedly, Jesus focuses on forgiving this man’s sins before he heals his body. It’s a passage that confronts us with a Jesus who prioritizes forgiveness over other things we might think are more urgent. In that, it also reveals a Jesus who is eager to do more than we’re asking for, because forgiveness was a healing that would cost Jesus much, much more to give. Yet it was a higher price he wanted to pay for this man, and for each of us. Let’s talk about how our expectations bump against the reality of the radical generosity of God as shown through the forgiveness of Jesus.

- A. What sort of things would you like God to fix in your life or our world right now?
 1. *What’s challenging for you about God not fixing them right this instant?*
 2. *How might God be working through that very absence of his action to draw you (and others) back to the much more costly and eternal gift of his forgiveness?*
- B. How did this passage/sermon challenge your concept of what God’s forgiveness looks like?
- C. What sort of physical, financial or relational healing would you like God to bring into your life right now? What would be really nice to have happen on one of those fronts?
 1. *How might recognizing that our spiritual healing (our forgiveness and salvation through Jesus) is a promise of our physical, financial, relational healing to come, change the way we think about our current struggles? What kind of hope might it give you?*
- D. In what ways is forgiveness a difficult subject for you? Is it hard to accept that you need forgiveness? That you could be forgiven? That God could forgive you?
 1. *What help would you need from God to lean into accepting his forgiveness more than you do right now?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **The scaffolding is now up around the building.** All entrances to the building are still accessible. Please exercise caution around the scaffolding, though, and keep an eye on children. Thanks!
- Our Adult Ed class on the Book of Ruth is **meeting in-person in the social hall** on Sundays at 9am. There will still be a Zoom option for those who would prefer to watch online.