

Mark's Wild Gospel

Week 3 – A Wild Faith

1. What makes your house “a home?” Describe a time when your home has been disrupted. How did you respond?
2. Read Mark 2:1-12. How do the actions of the paralytic's friends demonstrate their faith in Jesus? Can you think of a time when you had to take bold or unconventional steps in faith?
3. Reflect on the importance of community in the healing of the paralytic. How does our faith community support us in our spiritual journey, and how can we support others?
4. The crowd and the physical barriers in the story can be seen as obstacles to reaching Jesus. What are some modern-day obstacles that prevent people from coming to faith, and how can we help remove these barriers?
5. Compare and contrast the responses of the paralytic, the friends, the crowds, and the scribes to Jesus. What does each group's response tell us about their understanding of who Jesus is?
6. Jesus first forgives the paralytic's sins before healing his physical ailment. Discuss the connection between forgiveness and physical healing. How does this reflect our need for spiritual healing?
7. Identify with one of the characters in the story (the paralytic, the friends, the crowds, the scribes). Why do you identify with this character, and what does it reveal about your current spiritual condition or journey?
8. What are some practical ways we can demonstrate our faith in Jesus today? How can we bring others to Jesus, metaphorically "breaking through roofs" in our context?
9. Discuss the impact of Jesus' teachings on the various groups in the story. How does His message challenge social norms and religious expectations then and now?
10. Reflect on the statement, "Faith is the focus of this story." How does this story challenge you to live out a "wild faith" in your own life? What steps can you take to strengthen your faith and help others in their faith journey?