



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 3/6/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 3/13/2022
TEXT: MARK 2:1-12

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

- I. THE INTENT OF JESUS' MINISTRY (vss. 1-2)
 - A. His presence (vs. 1)
 - B. His preaching (vs. 2)
- II. THE IMPACT OF JESUS' MINISTRY (vss. 3-4).
 - A. on devoted men (vs. 3)
 - B. on the men's determination (vs. 4)
- III. THE INTERACTION OF JESUS' MINISTRY (vss. 5-12)
 - A. Jesus's provision (vss. 5-11)
 1. He responds to faith (vs. 5a)
 2. He offers forgiveness (vss. 5b & 11)
 - B. The man's restoration (vs. 12a)
 - C. The witnesses' amazement and acknowledgement (vs. 12b)
- IV. THE ATTEMPTED INTERFERENCE TO JESUS' MINISTRY (vss. 6-9)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Mark 1:35-39; and Mark 2:1-2.** For what main reason did large crowds gather when Jesus was present? What tension existed between Jesus's miracles of healing and his preaching mission? For what main reason did Jesus come to the synagogues and towns? Do all who "come to Jesus" come for His message? For what wrong motives may some want Jesus today? On what "terms" must people come to Jesus today in order to receive salvation?

2. Jesus often left large crowds when He perceived they gathered for reasons other than receiving the gospel message. What should this tell us about the "attractional model" used by many churches today?

3. **Read Luke 9:22-26 and 14:25-33.** How did Jesus describe discipleship? What is the outcome of one who lives his life for himself? What other things reflect a lifestyle of discipleship? Be prepared in your group to discuss what discipleship should look like in our lives today.

4. **Read Mark 2:3-5.** What motivated the 4 friends of the paralytic to bring him to Jesus? How did they demonstrate their devotion to him? To what lengths did the friends go to in order for the paralyzed man to come before Jesus? How should this display of devotion and determination encourage us in our evangelistic efforts?

5. **Read Mark 2:5-12.** What two provisions did Jesus make for the paralyzed man (note: vss. 5a, 5b, & 11)?

6. **Read Mark 26-9.** How did the scribes respond to Jesus' words? Why did they accuse Jesus? What did Jesus' power to heal demonstrate in this situation and what claim did Jesus make in using the words "Son of Man" in verse 10?