

# PUT IT INTO PRACTICE.

**Ice Breaker:** If you could create a new holiday, what would it celebrate?

**Read:** Mark 2:1-12; John 15:5, 15:13-17

## Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
  - What are the differences between a spectator, critic, and participant?
  - Where do you see the church tempted to spectate or critique rather than participate?
- Christ Desires More than a Crowd (Mark 2:1-4)
  - The friends of the paralytic didn't stop at obstacles — they found another way. When have you needed to be that kind of friend to someone (or when has someone been that for you)?
  - Why do you think Jesus is not impressed by crowds but is moved by genuine faith?
- Christ Addresses what Is Crowding our Souls (Mark 2:5)
  - What are some things that can “crowd the soul” today?
  - How can we discern when we’re asking Jesus only for physical solutions instead of spiritual transformation?
- Christ Has an Agenda for the Whole Person (Mark 2:6-12)
  - What does this passage reveal about how Jesus sees the whole person — mind, body, spirit?
  - Why do you think Jesus brought healing to the man’s soul first (v.5) before his body (v.11-12)?
  - How does seeing people as “whole persons” reshape the way we serve, love, and minister to others?
- Closing Thoughts: Christ Calls Us to Connection and to a Cause (John 15:5, 13-17)
  - Jesus calls us first to abide in Him. How does intimacy with Christ fuel our participation in His mission?
  - What does it look like for you personally to live as a “friend” of Jesus rather than simply a follower in the crowd?
  - Where do you sense God inviting you to move from spectating to participating — practically, relationally, and/or spiritually — this week?

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

