

## Small Group Discussion Sheet

**Title:** Through the Roof — Week 5

### **Icebreaker:**

When have you gone out of your way—or had someone go out of their way—for something you believed really mattered?

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### **Main Idea**

When Jesus heals a paralyzed man, He first forgives his sins—revealing that the harder and greater work is spiritual restoration. Jesus shows that no problem is too great: neither our deepest sin nor our greatest physical need.

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### **Tell it, Rebuild it, then Read the Passage**

**Scripture:** Mark 2:1–12

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### **HEAD — Knowledge (What do we learn?)**

**Goal:** Understand Jesus' authority, compassion, and identity.

#### **1. What problem brings the man and his friends to Jesus?**

“Notice both the physical and relational dynamics.”

#### **2. What do the friends do when they cannot reach Jesus?**

“What stands out about their actions?”

#### **3. What does Jesus say first—and why is it surprising?**

“What were people expecting Him to say?”

#### **4. How do the teachers of the law respond?**

“What does this reveal about their hearts?”

#### **5. How does Jesus prove His authority?**

“Pay attention to His question and action.”

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## **HEART — Feeling (What do we feel or value?)**

**Goal:** Examine our beliefs about Jesus' power, forgiveness, and care.

### **1. How do you feel about the friends' boldness and persistence?**

“What does this stir in you?”

### **2. What emotions surface when Jesus forgives sins first?**

“What does this say about what matters most to Him?”

### **3. How do you relate to the teachers' skepticism?**

“Where do doubts or questions show up in your own faith?”

### **4. What part of this story gives you hope?**

“Be specific.”

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## **HANDS — Practical (What will we do?)**

**Goal:** Respond with faith, repentance, and active trust in Jesus.

### **1. Where do you need to trust that nothing is too hard for Jesus?**

“Think spiritually and practically.”

### **2. Who might God be calling you to carry to Jesus?**

“This could be through prayer or action.”

### **3. What obstacles keep you from bringing people to Jesus?**

“Crowds look different today.”

### **4. What does ‘digging through the roof’ look like in your life this week?**

“Help make this practical.”

### **5. What is one step you will take this week?**

“If it's vague, help them make it smaller.”

## **Administrative Planning for Next Week**

- Where to meet
- Meal plan
- Anything else that needs planned