

When Faith Encounters Jesus' Power: Jesus encounters the paralyzed man

Luke 5:17-26, Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12

PODS Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Icebreaker: Who in this story do you most relate to: the crowd, the paralytic, the four friends, the teachers of the law, or the homeowner? Why?
2. What areas of your life feel spiritually, relationally, or emotionally paralyzed? How do you need Jesus to intervene?
3. The friends demonstrated faith and resourcefulness. How can we build friendships that encourage trust in Jesus, even in the impossible?
4. Jesus addresses the man's heart (his sin) before healing his body. What does this reveal about God's priorities for our spiritual transformation?
5. Fear and doubt can hinder us. How has fear impacted your faith journey, and what steps can you take to surrender fear to Jesus?
6. Share a time when you faced something that seemed "impossible." How can you trust Jesus to do the impossible this week?
7. Many struggle with guilt or shame. How does understanding Jesus' complete forgiveness change your view of your past? How does it motivate ongoing transformation?
8. What is one step you're willing to take today; whether surrendering fears, addressing a real issue, or trusting Jesus in the impossible? How can your PODS small group support and pray for you?