



Mark: Following Jesus Immediately- Biggest Need

Introduction: There are times in life where we are convinced of our biggest problem or biggest need and if it would just change, life would be better. Jesus revealed that the thing we need more than anything else is to have our sin dealt with. What if we viewed our sin as our biggest problem?

Discussion Questions

1. If you could ask for 1 miracle from Jesus what would it be and why?
2. Read **Mark 2:1-5** If you were a friend of this man and saw the crowd, how do you think you would respond? What does it say about this man and his friends that they would go to these lengths to see Jesus? Put yourself in their shoes; how do you respond when Jesus says, “your sins are forgiven?”
3. Whose faith does the text say Jesus saw? How can someone else’s faith affect you or how can your faith affect them?
4. Read **Mark 2:6-12** What part of the teachers of the law reaction was correct? What is the tension in the question Jesus asks about which is easier to say?
5. What point is Jesus making when he tells the man his sins are forgiven? How often do we think of forgiveness as our biggest need?
6. In the sermon, Jeremy read a quote from Tim Keller saying essentially that the Gospel message is basically – we are worse than we think, yet more loved than we can imagine. Respond to that idea.
7. If research shows that people are much more likely to respond to an invitation from a friend to attend church, why do so few Christians invite their friends?

Shaping Your Mind –*When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”*
Mark 2:5

Moving Forward – May your faith be the prompt for a friend to come to Jesus.