

### **Small Groups Study Guide:**

Read the entire Passage first: Mark 2:1-12

- Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- When you think of what it takes to reach the world for Jesus, what would you say is your part in making that happen? Which part of that role makes you nervous, confused or fearful?
- What did God speak to you during the sermon?

Jesus purpose and priority is to preach

As helpers, we help the helpless

Faith is not mystical it is practical

Jesus is moving the crowd to the curious, into committed followers.

Faith overcomes all obstacles.

Faith is following not just fathoming

When hearts are hard, truth is not heeded

Jesus has the right and the might to forgive sins

This specific healing, should have been an advertisement for Jesus being God

Passages to consider:

**Luke 19:1-10**

What can we learn from Jesus’ actions and attitudes toward Zacchaeus?

**Matthew 5:13-16**

In 60 seconds, write down as many examples as you can think of about what it means to be the salt and light.

List any reasons and/or examples of what keeps us from being the salt and light.

**Ephesians 4:29, 31-32**

Which words or character qualities do you think you need to consider putting into action or avoid doing?

In the three passages we studied in the Digging Deeper section focus on three ways we can influence others – engaging in friendship, the words we say and the character we live out. Is there one you should pay more attention to than the others? If so, explain.

What is the ONE thing God is asking you to do this week?