For starters... How were you challenged/encouraged/comforted by last Sunday's sermon?

Reading to Understand – Mark 2:1-17

1. What was something that stood out to you as you read the passage?



2. What question(s) came to mind as you read this passage?



3. What is the main point(s) of the passage?

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4. How does this passage point to, or speak about, Jesus?



Going Deeper...

5. In v. 5 it says that Jesus "saw" their faith.

- What does it mean that Jesus "saw" their faith?
- How do we make our faith visible to a watching world?

6. If you were the paralytic looking to be healed and the first thing Jesus said to you was "your sins are forgiven" what would be your reaction?

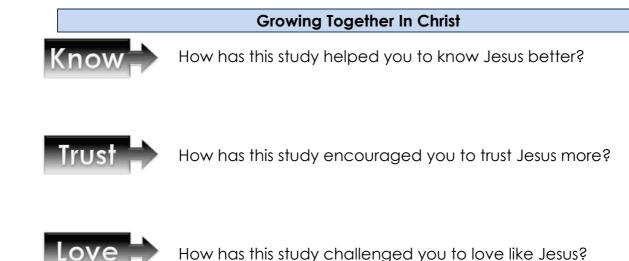
7. How does Jesus' interaction with the crippled man reveal to us our greatest need?

8. Why was it crazy for Jesus to say to the man "Your sins are forgiven"?

9. Why is it incredible to know that our sins are forgiven when we come to Jesus in faith?

10. Sharing a meal had profound significance for the 1st century Jew that signified a relational acceptance of the person (e.g. For a Jew, sharing a meal with a Gentile was socially unacceptable)

- What then makes Jesus' action in v.10 so scandalous?
- How does Jesus' action reveal his heart for you and me?



Meditation on the Word and Prayer

Lord God, I praise you because...

God of grace, forgive me for...

God of faithfulness, thank you for...

Loving Father, please help me...