

Life Group Discussion Questions

March 18, 2012

Series: Spring Break - Guest Speaker

Sermon Topic: Take It To Jesus - Mark 2:1-2 - Jeff Fritsche

Introduction: Jeff taught us from Mark 2 the importance of taking our desires to the Lord for true healing even if it required being carried to Him.

Sermon Questions:

1. Read Mark 2:1-2. Have you ever been that desperate to have a need or desire met that you would or have done anything to get it fulfilled? Did that need or desire become an obsession into idolatry or lead you to a fuller devotion of our Lord Jesus? If an obsession, can you name the idol you created? Has it been confessed and dealt with or does it still wreak havoc in your life? If devotion, how did Jesus minister to you and your desire? Share your experience with your group.
2. In this story, Jesus not only heals the paralytic, he also forgives his sins, which was by far the paralytic's greatest need. The man walked out emotionally, physically and spiritually well. This is a great model of holistic ministry, seeking to not only aid in an immediate need, but also in the deeper, greater need of others. How does this align with your areas of ministry influence? Do you seek to provide holistically to those God has placed in your path? Share with your group the 5 people that you are praying for to invite to Easter and some ideas that you may have in how to minister to them emotionally, physically and spiritually in preparation for inviting them to Easter service.
3. Jeff told the story of he and his wife's journey to have children and that finally a close friend risk everything to speak truth in love to them, to stop trying and trust God. Your Life Group is designed to provide that type of relationship accountability and truth speaking. Take a few moments and as a group review the 5 Levels of Relational Depth (see attachment) and where your group falls in relation to that. Discuss how the current level of relational depth has benefitted the group members and what it might take to venture forward and go deeper as a group. Note: Level 4 is highest a group can go, as Level 5 is one-to-one. Take a few minutes and review the Johari window (see attachment) and discuss the difference between a "blind spot" and a "hidden window". How can these tools aid your group in speaking truth to one another?