

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Read aloud the story again from Mark 2. Imagine yourself in this story and then put yourself in the position of the home owner. *How do you think he/she might feel about Jesus coming to their home as a guest? How might they have felt about the men who wrecked their roof? How might they have reacted to the miracle that occurred there?*

Describe your “lostness” before you gave your heart to Christ. *How were you like the paralyzed man?*

Who is the person in your life who is similar to the friends of the paralyzed man in this story—the person(s) who was most responsible for leading you to Christ or who played a major role in your decision to follow Christ? What role did they play?

Who are the three people you have identified in your sphere of Influence who need a relationship with Christ? Why did you pick them?

What barriers do you think are keeping these people from choosing to serve Christ?

WRECK THE ROOF SERIES #WTR

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Part 1—Why Wreck The Roof?

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Wreck The Roof Challenge (#WTR)

IDENTIFY

Three people in your sphere of influence who do not know Christ and who live within driving distance of this church

INTERCEDE

Pray for them every day for the next 21 Days

INVITE

Invite them to Christ or to the upcoming outreach series, AT THE MOVIES, where they will hear the gospel of Jesus presented in a clear and powerful way

(Mark 2:1-12) *A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”*

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things?⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk?’¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man,¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

WHY DO WE NEED TO WRECK THE ROOF?

1. People are _____

Since only 17% of Americans are connected to a Bible based church, we can assume there are at least 200,000 people who live within driving distance of this church who are not connected to the body of Christ.

- Suggestion: Set an alarm on your phone at 2:00 p.m. to remind you to pray for those on your WTR list.

2. People are _____

(Isaiah 53:6 NLT) "All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own."

It's better to never to have children, it is better to never hold my wife, it is better to never be able to drive a car, it is better to be paralyzed and never feel anything from the neck down, it is better to have an incurable disease than it is to be outside the kingdom of God.

(Matt Chandler, The Explicit Gospel)

3. We are their only _____

(2 Corinthians 5:18 NLT) "And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him."

"Studies show that 87% of all people who come to Jesus were introduced through a friend." (Mark Cahill , The One Thing You Can't Do In Heaven)

If you want more information about following Christ or have made the decision to follow Christ today, please go to the NEXT STEPS tent in the Hub after the service for resources to help you in your walk with God.

You can watch or listen to today's message online at graceassembly.org or on the Grace App

21 Days of Prayer

Please join us for a season of focused prayer each Monday through Friday 6am to 7am and Saturdays 9am to 10 am in the Worship Center

HOW TO PRAY FOR LOST PEOPLE

Use this simple prayer guide as you pray for those in your sphere of influence who need a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pray the Father would draw them to Jesus.

(John 6:44) *No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them.*

Bind the spirit that blinds their minds.

(2 Corinthians 4:4) *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

Loose the spirit of adoption - a desire to be adopted into the family of Christ.

(Romans 8:15) *The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father ."*

Pray for the opportunity to cross their paths and enter into a positive relationship with them, and that other believers will cross their paths and enter into positive relationships with them.

(Colossians 4:3) *Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ .*

(Matthew 9:38) *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

Loose the spirit of wisdom and revelation on them so they may know God better.

(Ephesians 1:17) *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

You can pick up a free prayer guide/booklet at the Next Steps kiosk. This booklet contains several models to learn how to pray, including a detailed version of this model about praying for lost people. You can also download this prayer guide for free at our website.