

# WE, THE CHURCH...

A VISION SERMON SERIES



## Mark 2:1-5

*1 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 [Jesus] 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."*

## WEEK 2: WE, THE FRIENDS

### Preface.

This second part of the sermon series, WE, THE CHURCH, we rediscover what it means to being intentional about bringing other to Jesus. One of our core values as a church is, Intentional Multiplication, which is driven by our firm belief that Jesus alone can save, and the every relationship we have must intentionally lead to making Jesus known and inviting others to be His disciple. In Mark 2, we find an extraordinary story of a bunch of friends' radical love for their friend in need.

### Discover.

- Share about a time when someone cared for you. How did that change you? How did that impact your relationship with God?
- Read Mark 2:1-5. Jesus had become very famous across the region of Galilee (northern Israel) as a preacher, teacher and miracle worker. People knew what came to Him for healing. In the fishing village of Capernaum, Jesus taught in a house with a packed crowd. Some men brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus but the crowd was so huge, they had no way of bringing him closer to Jesus. Desperate, they found a way to get their friend to Jesus through the roof.
- It is important to note that the men's primary concern was the physical healing of their friend. But Jesus, like He always does, forgave the man's sin, which is spiritual salvation.
- The main idea of this sermon by Pastor Ta is that, WE should be like the paralyzed man's friends. Here are the sermon points:
  1. **We should be definitely convinced that only Jesus can save** (verses 2-3, 5).
  2. **We should be desperately concerned for salvation of our friends** (verse 4).
  3. **We should be deeply compelled to bring our family and friends to Jesus.**

### Apply.

- We all have friends and family who don't know Jesus. We must make it our concern to bring them to Him. Why should their salvation be our concern?
- The men in the story were so desperate for their friend that they went great lengths to bring him to Jesus. What can you do to bring your friends to Jesus?
- The Bible says, "when Jesus saw their [the friends] faith..." He healed the paralyzed man. Do you have faith to bring your unbelieving friends to Jesus.
- Write the names of people you want to bring to Jesus or invite to Church, and start praying for them.
- Is anyone in your life in need of help? How might God be calling you to help them?

### Pray.

- Share one name on your list and let the group pray for that person.
- God wants us to bring all of our needs to Him. What do you need from God right now?