



## Break On Through



We want to grow as a community-transforming church to see more people's lives radically changed by Jesus in our church family, in our communities, and around the world.

**Grow      Invite      Care**

### Introduction: The Cringe Factor

100,000 personally introduced to the message of Jesus

### Jesus Heals and Forgives a Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12

**Intrusion** – Both the home owner and religious leaders were dealing with a sense of intrusion!

Jesus' words were **incredibly wonderful** or **incredibly scandalous!**

Which is easier to say to this paralyzed man,  
'Your sins are forgiven,' or  
'Get up, take your mat and walk'? (verse 9)

### Take Out

**Important to Jesus = Important to Us!**

**Parting Shot:** 'Flasher' Evangelism...

**Next Week:** *One Church* with Greg Boyd from Woodland Hills



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## Home Church Questions...

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic / Starting Conversations]

1. Take a few minutes to go around the room and share the story of how you first met Jesus? Was anybody else involved in helping you take this step of faith?

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

2. Review the teaching from this past week for those who weren't there. What is one thought or insight that stood out to you from the message? What challenged you the most?
3. Read **Mark 2:1-12**.
  - a. What character in the story do you identify with the most? Why?
  - b. What makes us like helpers, who will do the physical work, break through the roof to bring someone to the source of healing?
  - c. What in us is like the teachers of the law, the cool intellectual, the skeptical observer, the one who stands back and judges everyone else?
  - d. What in us is like the paralyzed man who needs to hear words of healing and forgiveness?
4. When you think about our collective invite goal, what excites you the most? What makes you 'cringe'?
5. When was the last time you had the chance to share the message of Jesus with someone in a personal way? Tell a few of these stories and spend time learning from each other. How did the conversation start? Was there anything you wish you mentioned but left out? What are the barriers that prevent you from having these conversations?

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

As a Huddle group, read **Acts 8:26-40**. What is the one thing that impacts you the most about this dramatic story? What can this teach us about being available, open, honest and ready to personally share the message of Jesus?

Spend a few minutes brainstorming what friends you have in your life who you would love to introduce to Jesus? Pray for these friends and for specific opportunities to share Jesus with them!

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## Quotes...

The aggressive, persistent effort of the paralytic's friends was visible evidence of their faith in Christ to heal. (MacArthur Bible Commentary)

Since it was impossible to get to him because of the throng of people, the four opted to carry him up the outside stairway and then lower him down through the roof, illustrating the truth that obstacles do not deter faith. (Africa Bible Commentary)

... the healing demonstrates something visible – healing a body – so that people will have faith that Jesus can do something invisible – forgiving sins. (Brian McLaren – The Secret Message of Jesus)

In his act of forgiveness Jesus was also declaring the presence of God's kingdom among men. (The Expositor's Bible Commentary)

The word that Jesus starts to speak is 'the good news' about the reign of God that Jesus himself is bringing in his Spirit-empowered preaching, healings, and exorcisms. (Robert Gundry)

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