

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Have you ever crashed a party? There's a famous story in the bible where four guys crash a party. It's known as, "The healing of a paralytic man."

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Mark 2:12; compare it with Matt 9:1-8 and Luke 5:17-26. Share your thoughts!
3. Pastor Ruben shared three things we learn from these "Party Crashers".

The first was, don't quarantine your hope! What kind of hope do you see in this story? Does the paralytic have any hope? Talk about it.

4. In the gospel of Luke, what was happening right before this miracle? Please read Luke 5:12-16.
 - What happened?
 - What is leprosy?
 - What type of people were gathered around Jesus?
 - Does this change your perspective of the four men taking their paralytic friend?
 - When the four men heard Jesus was in town, they could have kept it to themselves.
 - Did the paralytic call his friends to take him to Jesus? Who's idea was it?
5. What does Jesus promise in John 14:27?

Pastor Ruben said, "It takes special courage to walk with Christ in a pandemic!" How has your hope or courage changed during this pandemic?

6. Please read Matthew 6:34. One of the points of the message was, "Don't regret yesterday because you were fearful of tomorrow." What does this mean to you?
7. The second point of the message was, "Don't quarantine your faith." What kind of faith do you see in Mark 2:4?
 - If you were in their shoes, would you have walked away after seeing such a big crowd?
 - What are your thoughts?
 - According to Mark 2:5, who had faith?
 - Who was healed because of that faith?
 - Sometimes you need to loan out your faith! Have you ever considered how your faith can impact someone else who doesn't have faith?

8. According to 2 Chronicles 7:14, what needs to happen?
9. What did Jesus tell the paralytic in Mark 2:11?

This paralytic man had to be obedient. In what ways is God calling you to obedience?

10. The third and last point was, "Don't quarantine your love." These four friends could have left their paralytic friend. Their love for their friend was greater than their fear of infection.

Please read Mark 2:10-11. The kingdom of heaven's finest hour is when grace came down.

11. What did forgiveness look like in the Old Testament?
 - Take a look at Leviticus 4 and 5. Jesus inaugurated a new day of grace!
 - Compare with Romans 3:23; 5:8; 6:23 and 10:9-11.
 - What do these verses mean to you?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- C.S. Lewis lived during a time when the Atomic Bomb was a real fear. During this time, he said, "Those who want Heaven most have served Earth best."
- Don't quarantine your Hope!
- Don't quarantine your Faith!
- Don't quarantine your Love!
- Don't make quarantine life miserable for your family!!!!