

Message Study | We Are TPCC | Hungry

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Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

Message Review: Jesus had a hunger that always involved people and His mission was to seek and save the lost. As a church, we want to remove unnecessary barriers that keep people from Jesus and 'wreck the roof' to get that one person in our lives to Him.

Warm-up Question: What is your first reaction when you show up to a crowded restaurant or parking lot?

Read Mark 2:1-12

1. Describe the scene in verses 1-4. What barriers existed for the four friends in getting their paralyzed friend to Jesus?
2. Why do you think Jesus responds the way He does in verse 5? What does He see in them? Why doesn't He just heal the man physically? (Hint: Jesus knew the man's greatest need)
3. Who is your "mat-bound" friend? Make a list together as a group, everyone picking just one friend (refer to this list at the end of group).
4. How hungry have you been in getting them to Him? What barrier is standing in the way of you "wrecking the roof" for them?
5. What are the religious leaders concerned with (verses 6-7)? How does it cause them to miss the main point?
 - Who in this story do you currently relate to the most: the crowd, the paralytic, the four friends, or the teachers of the law? Why?
6. Talk about practical ways we can start becoming more like the friends:
 - Pray together as a group for the list of "mat-bound" friends you made in question 3. (Pray for your own hunger to grow, pray away spiritual disinterest, pray for open doors, for eyes to see when opportunities arise, for gracious and attractive speech when you open your mouth to speak about Jesus)
 - Talk about ways you can share the gospel clearly using your testimony
 - Invite someone to church
 - Find a way to serve that removes an unnecessary barrier for someone

Listen and Respond: Take a minute as a group to prayerfully pause to allow time for members to process the following questions. Then allow a few minutes for members to briefly share what God is saying and what they will do.

What is God saying to you through His Word? How and when will you respond?

Pro tips:

Leaders, jot down the action steps, send out to the group for prayer and encouragement, then check-in during the week and review next meeting.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have them delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at tpcc.org/daily-bible-reading. Use your group chat to check in on thoughts about these throughout the week!