



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH | LIFE NOTES

ENCOUNTERS: WEEK 2

SYNOPSIS OF SERIES

Jesus changed the world forever. What he did 2000 years ago in 3 years of ministry is impossible to ignore. What made Jesus so unique? What was it about him that led people to drop everything to follow him? Over the next few weeks we are going to be looking deeply at the book of Mark. We want to invite you and group to take a look at some of the most profound Jesus encounters recorded in Scripture. My prayer is that you would encounter Jesus in a new and fresh way.

GETTING STARTED

Who is going to win the game this weekend? If you picked the Steelers, where is your faith? LOL

What is faith?

Do we develop our faith or does it come from God?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Mark 2:1-11

1A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4Since 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. 5When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6Now 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? 9Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10But 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!"

What strikes you about this story?

Was there anything that was taught on Sunday that you have never thought about before? If so, what?

These four friends showed an incredible amount of faith to get their friend to Jesus. In what ways are you exercising faith in your life right now?

What are some ways that you have in the past?

What do we learn about Jesus in this story?

In this story, Jesus was not simply interested in healing this man's paralysis. Jesus went deeper. He looks at the heart. What are some ways that Jesus has gone deeper in your life? How has he healed or is healing some spiritually broken places in you?

Moving Forward

On Sunday, Kyle ended his talk by giving us four questions to consider. Which of these questions most stirred your thinking? Why?

1. Have you trusted Jesus to forgive your sins?
2. When it comes to your pursuit of Jesus, are you scratching the surface or breaking through the roof?
3. Did you know that your faith on behalf of others makes a difference?
4. Have you fully embraced your identity as son or daughter of King Jesus?

Prayer

After you look at these questions, pray for one another.