

Take Away – The Jesus Story: We have never seen anything like this

Text: Mark 2: 1 - 17

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With your group...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by today's sermon.

1. Have you ever looked over your life experiences and thought, "I don't know how that happened! It's mysterious. It could only be attributed to Jesus!" If so, share the details with your group.
2. React to: "We should wake up every day and say, 'Good morning, Jesus, I've never seen anything like this day! I can't wait to be a part of whatever You're going to do! We should live with so much gratitude for the God who ordered all of our days to get us to the here and now. The God who can do things we've never seen before is here.'"
3. Who is one person who is physically, spiritually or mentally sick that the Holy Spirit is telling you MUST get to Jesus? In what ways can you get him/her to Jesus?
4. Read James 5:14. Have you participated in a healing service where you or another Christian prayed over or maybe even anointed the sick person with oil? If so, share how the person being prayed over responded. What were the results?
5. Read Mark 2:9. Jesus, with 5 simple words, "Son, your sins are forgiven," gives an eternal gift. What does this statement show about who Jesus is? Was Jesus really asking if it easier to heal someone or forgive their sins or making another point to those experiencing the miracle?
6. React to: "Jesus calls, comes to, and eats with the most unlikely people. Tax collectors and sinners! If you were one of the tax collectors or sinners at the table with Jesus you may be thinking, 'Jesus comes for me? A man like him rarely associates with us! We've never seen anything like this before!'"
7. "What I (Pastor) love about stories and sermons is that the Holy Spirit applies exactly what you need when you need it...for those who are open to humbling themselves and expecting the living Word to work." What is Jesus speaking to you in this story?
8. Pastor shared that "When I'm feeling down, unworthy or tired Jesus comes and says, "Follow me!" He often leads me to sad places." What is it about sad places that can help us as Jesus followers?

The past several months has been stressful and difficult. What guides us through, however, is remembering the God we serve. He has been with us through thick and

thin, and He has proven His love and faithfulness time and time again. We can truly depend on Him and trust Him with our lives – all because of who He is.

9. As a small group, read together Exodus 20:2 and Ephesians 3:20. God may not have rescued us from an oppressive Egypt, but He has done incredible things in our lives! Ask each person in your group to fill in the blank: “I am the Lord your God who (fill in the blank).”

With your kids...

10. Have you ever seen something that seems unbelievable? What was it and why was it unbelievable?
11. What do you do when someone is sick? How can you support people that are hurting?
12. What is something old in your life and God makes it new?

On your own...

13. You are encouraged to read the book of Mark over the 16 weeks of this sermon series. This week read Mark 3. Write down at least 5 important points to focus on this week.
14. What is the one thing Jesus is uniquely calling you to do after hearing this message and reading the chapter in Mark? Ask Him in prayer. He will let you know. Then act. Hear the call.