

ICE BREAKER QUESTION:

What is your biggest fear?

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 2:1-13

DISCUSSION: (Remember, these discussions are based upon Pastor Rick's sermons. It may be helpful to utilize the sermon notes handed out by the church and jot down anything thoughts you may have to help lead and guide your groups)

- What were the three points Pastor Rick said were facing the church and evangelism? (1.). The church is one generation from ceasing to reach the world, 2.). Make sure you are constantly working to make friends outside of church 3.). Everyone needs Jesus for something)
- Where are most of your relationships? Inside the church or outside the church?
- Why is it important to have close Christian brothers and sisters in your life?
- What areas of your life provide ministry opportunities outside the church?
- Why do you need Jesus? What areas in YOUR life has He changed?
- How does your struggle, your story become an effective ministry? Who can it reach?
- Pastor Rick said grace will cost you something. What has it cost God? Why does grace cost?
- What has grace cost you?
- Do you approach life as a quid pro quo or do you approach life of giving without expectations or a mixture of both? Where is it hardest to give without expectations and where is it easiest?
- Who brings someone to Christ? Is it you or the Holy Spirit?
- Do you bear the burden of another's decision to follow Jesus?
- Some studies have shown that it takes on average 12 contacts for an individual to accept Christ. Assuming this is true, what does that mean for you when you are reaching out to someone?
- In Mark 2:1-13, the paralytic's friends were supremely confident that Jesus could heal him. They were so confident that they destroyed the roof of someone's home in order to get him into the presence of Jesus. The disciples struggled with confidence and faith (Matthew 17:19-21). Do you struggle with faith and confidence in Christ like the disciples or do you possess the unwavering faith of a child like the paralytic's friends? Give an example where you showed child like faith or where you lacked faith and tried to make things happen on your own.
- Why do we struggle with doubt and faith?
- Share some encouraging examples you have experienced personally with evangelism.