
Life Group Sermon Based Questions

"Our Greatest Need"

(Mark 2:1-12)

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Please begin your discussion by going through the New City Catechism (#15). As the leader, read the question and have the group respond by reading the answer and Scripture together out loud. Then go around the room and read the commentary. If children are present, please include them too. Remember you can use the book, the phone app, or the browser website. Conclude with the prayer together.

1. Read Mark 2:1-12.
2. What helps you to decipher the difference between a need and a want?
3. The greatest need of the paralyzed man was the forgiveness of his sins. Pastor Tim shared why the forgiveness of sin was everyone's greatest need. There were **5 reasons (consequences of sin)** listed. Which of these consequences have you experienced personally? Take some time to share how sin has impacted:
 - a. Your relationship with God (feeling separated/distant)
 - b. How you view yourself (How does sin harm you?)
 - c. Your relationship with others (How has your sin hurt others?)
4. **Jesus is the only One who can forgive sins** (vv.6-11):
How does healing the man's paralysis AFTER forgiving him his sins establish Jesus' authority to forgive sins? How does Jesus asking the teachers of the law, "Which is easier...?" help establish his authority as God?
5. For Christians, why must we repent and ask God to forgive our sins (even though Jesus paid for all our sins – past, present, and future – on the cross?)
6. How must we respond knowing that God has forgiven our sins? How do you respond daily?
7. Close this time of discussion by lifting up prayers of repentance. Also, spend time giving thanks to God and for what Jesus did for us.