

# SMALL GROUPS

## Small Group Discussion Week of July 3rd, 2011 Summer Road Trip with Jesus “Real Medicine” (A Paralyzed Man)

1. Tell about a time when you got something that you really wanted and had anticipated getting for a long time. How did it feel when you got this thing?
2. Tell about something you really wanted and hoped for that you have never received. How did this feel?
3. How does our culture create increased desire for the things we do not have? What are some of the dangers we might face if we spend too much time focusing on what we want rather than what God wants to give us?

**Read:** Mark 2:1-12

4. What do you learn about the paralytic's friends in this story?
5. What do you learn about the paralytic?
6. What do you learn about the religious leaders?
7. What do you learn about Jesus?

**Read:** Mark 2:1-12 (again)

8. What are the paralytic and his friends looking for? What does the paralytic want and what is the desire of his heart?
9. What did Jesus give this man that he was longing for? What did Jesus give that goes beyond what he and his friends asked of the Savior?
10. If you had been there on the day that this powerful and amazing miracle happened, how might watching this (and listening to Jesus) have impacted your faith?
11. How can the lessons in this story impact:

The way you pray...

The way you face times of suffering and loss...

The way you care for those who are hurting...

The way you view Jesus and his role in your life...

**Read:** Mark 2:1-12 (one more time and thank Jesus for giving you what you need!)