

Spiritual Healing | 11.12.17
Mark 2:1-11
Sermon Discussion Questions

1. The message this week began with Pastor Jim asking any who have experienced miraculous physical healing to stand. How did seeing people stand up make you feel? Did you or anyone you know stand? What has been your experience with miraculous healing?
2. Pastor Jim then expressed the hope this brings him but also the questions that it ultimately brings up. Mainly, why doesn't everyone stand? Why isn't everyone healed? Have you ever wondered this or had someone ask you, as a Christian, to answer it? What have you answered?
3. In Mark 2:1-11, we see the story of Jesus and the man lowered through the roof. At first glance it seems like another healing story but Pastor Jim pointed out some clues that made it clear it was another kind of story. What were the clues and what is the story actually about? Re-read the verses for reference.
4. Jesus is not in the midst of a healing service, He is there to preach the good news of the Gospel. In light of that he forgives the sins of the man, but this didn't sit well with the scribes and teachers of the law? Why? How did Jesus respond? What's the significance of his question regarding which is harder to do: physical healing or forgiveness of sins?
5. Pastor Jim then answered the two questions of the day:
 - a. Why does physical healing still happen?
As evidence of Jesus' authority and power to forgive sins.
 - b. Why doesn't everyone get healed then?
Physical healing is not the most important or main healing we need.
Physical healing points to the reality of spiritual healing.

Is this hard to accept? Have you been praying for healing and not had it come? How does the message today affect your faith and walk with God? Is this an easy truth to process?

6. Many of us are in need of or are praying for a miraculous intervention from God in the areas of: our health, our relationships, our finances, our addictions, etc. What encouragement can we draw from the message today even if we haven't seen these prayers answered as we would like? How should the gospel, God's forgiveness of our sins and his miraculous intervention in the stories of those around us, serve to encourage us on our journey of faith?
7. Spend sometime being honest about what aspects of this message are encouraging but also, what is difficult. What is something you have to wrestle with in regards to our needs and how God intervenes in them? Pray for each other, encourage each other with scripture and words of praise.