



WEEK June 5 – June 11

MAIN IDEA

For whom are you willing to wreck some roofs to help them experience Jesus?

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week. High: What was the highlight of your week? Low: What was the low point of your week?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

1. Have you ever had a friend that was unexpected? Someone you didn't think you would like initially and then a friendship grew?

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 15 min

1. Read Mark 2:1-12. How would you put this story in your own words? (Have at least 3 people do this.)
2. Why did Jesus respond the way he did? Why did the teachers of the law respond the way they did?
3. The paralyzed man received a huge blessing from his friends and Jesus. How much do you think this meant to him? How was his life changed and how might he have viewed these people going forward?

4. What does this moment tell us about the sacrifice and character of the paralyzed man's four friends?
5. The response of the teachers of the law seems crazy to us, but religious people often respond like this. They're more concerned with rules and traditions that they miss the work of God in their midst. How do religious people still have this problem today? (This is not a gossip or gripe session but an acknowledgement of missing the point.)
6. Read 1 Corinthians 12:16-20. What does it look like to value every person in the church as an essential member of the body of Christ? What things might need to change in our mindset and approach? This passage was used in last week's discussion so if you need to read the whole passage to get the context, go ahead and read the whole chapter.

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

1. Read John 15:12-13. The paralyzed man's friends showed radical sacrificial love. They wrecked a roof to get their buddy to Jesus. Who is someone, or a group of people (like families with special needs), you might have to show some radical, sacrificial love to help them experience Jesus? What might some of those sacrifices look like?
2. What is the biggest obstacle you face in showing others sacrificial, radical love to help them experience Jesus?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

1. As we step into summer, make plans for your group during these next few months. What will you do to continue to gather, serve, or celebrate together? Groups will reconvene in mid-August and the first discussion guide will come after Labor Day.