

THIS IS US

OUR MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

Discussion Guide | Week 1: Relational Evangelism | January 26, 2020

OVERVIEW Everyone you know & love desperately needs Jesus. Even those you dislike & avoid have a deep need for your Savior. But for a variety of reasons, it's possible to go through life blind & distracted from that need. This is one of the reasons everyone needs to be plugged into a church that reminds us often how vital it is to bring the people in our lives to Jesus. In Mark 2, we're introduced to some friends who get it. They're so desperate to see their friend meet Jesus that they will literally "wreck the roof" of a house to make it happen. As a result, this friend will never be the same again. He would know hope & healing that was beyond anything these friends could have anticipated!

KEY VERSES Mark 2:1-12; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

WE WILL **WRECK THE ROOF** TO
REMOVE UNNECESSARY BARRIERS
THAT KEEP PEOPLE FROM JESUS.

VALUE: RELATIONAL EVANGELISM

REMEMBER In this week's sermon based on Mark 2, Pastor Brad told the story of the paralyzed man's friends lowering him through the roof to get him to Jesus. What are some examples of ways you've seen others (church, friends, family, etc.) "wreck the roof"?

REFLECT Pastor Brad suggested that one of the values/missions of SCC should be to remove unnecessary barriers that keep others from Jesus. What are some examples of unnecessary barriers seen in our churches & lives that may keep others from getting to know Jesus? What are some examples that we, in our churches & personal lives, are doing well to bring people to Jesus?

RESPOND After Jesus forgave the paralyzed man's sins & healed his body, he told him to "get up, take your mat & go home." Jesus did not tell the man to do any "complicating." Simply receive the miracle of forgiveness & go. Do you find yourself over-complicating how to receive forgiveness through Jesus?

REAL LIFE Pastor Brad brought our attention to how the guests who were in the house might have felt upon seeing men wreck the roof to get to Jesus. Did they find it to be annoying? Odd? Disrespectful? Messy? Did they understand the faith & love involved or were they more concerned with how it may affect them? We must constantly ask ourselves this question. When you see changes in churches or "Christian Tradition," will you be quick to be irritated or will you allow God to reveal how change may help remove a barrier that is keeping someone from Jesus?

PRAYER TIME For your prayer time, have each person share one way that they sense Jesus leading them to "wreck the roof" this week. Ask God to give you that opportunity in his timing.