



# The Gospel Of Mark

## Home Group Discussion Guide

*Whatever It Takes*

Mark 2:1-12

**ICEBREAKER:** Whose autographs have you collected?

**OVERVIEW:** Jesus has called us to reach the lost. This is the primary mission of every true Biblical Christian church. Jesus told His followers in Acts 1:8, “And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Our community is filled with people who don’t have a saving relationship with Jesus, and Christ has called us to reach them. But reaching the lost isn’t easy. It is a road filled with obstacles and landmines. In this study we will go deeper with the story of four men willing to do **whatever it takes** to bring their friend to Jesus, and we will discuss the steps we need to take to become effective at reaching our friends.

1. Read Mark 2:1-12. What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. What role did unity play in the story in Mark 2? What role does unity play in the church’s evangelistic effectiveness, and what are some actions you can personally take to protect the unity of the church?
3. What risks did the four men take in Mark 2? Must we take risks, individually and as a church, in order to be effective at evangelism? Explain.
4. The four men in Mark 2 were determined — they didn’t give up. When is it tempting to give up on evangelism? What can we do, individually, and as a church, to guard against giving up on evangelism?

5. When the four men in Mark 2 arrived at the house to bring their friend to Jesus, there were many people blocking the way. What are some ways that Christians and churches act as obstacles to the lost finding Jesus? Is there anything in your life that might be an obstacle, making it harder for you to reach your lost friends, and making it harder for the church to reach the community? Explain.
6. The four men in Mark 2 were willing to work hard to bring their friend to Jesus. In the same way, every church member must be willing to work hard; to find a way to serve in the church so it can be effective at reaching the lost. What are some ways that every church member can contribute to the church being more evangelistically effective, regardless of their talents or resources?
7. Have you personally found a way to serve God in the church? Explain. Do you need help finding a place to serve?
8. What do you think about the 10-foot and 5-minute rules mentioned in the sermon? Do you agree with them, or do you think are silly?
9. Why should evangelism be the church’s top priority?

**The Last Word:** When the church is willing to do whatever it takes to bring lost people to Jesus, it opens the door for God to do amazing things.