

## **MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK**

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# **Four Friends and a Hole in the Roof**

## **Mark 2**

### **Segment Questions:**

- **Character:** What do you think the character of the four men was like? How about the paralyzed man? Was their relationship good?
- **Commitment:** These guys were committed to getting the man before Jesus? How far would you have gone? Would you have been satisfied just at getting him to the house?
- **Cost:** True friendship costs. Do you maybe one of the four was concerned about paying for the roof?
- **The faith of the five, was rewarded.** Do you think they all had same measure of faith? Discuss. A lesson here for hanging with people that have stronger faith than you? A lesson on what can get accomplished by a group vs an individual?
- **What was more beneficial for the paralytic; to have his sins forgiven or be healed?**

### **Action Questions:**

- **The four men were taking another to Christ.** Who do you need to take to Christ? How are you going to do it? Will you get help?
- **They came for a healing, but got something better.** How do we learn that the Lord may have something better for us? How do we keep from settling for good, (or the first thing down the pike) when God has something better in mind?
- **In the passage, it may seem that the story was about the healing and the forgiveness sin, but what might have been the real purpose?** Hint (the last verses). How do we come to grips that our trials, and maybe even blessings, have even a greater purpose in the over-all scheme of things? Do we make it all about us, when it should be all about HIM?

## Mark 14

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Jesus went into a house to teach. As soon as word got around, the house filled up with people. Among them were Pharisees and teachers of the Law. The crowd went out through the doorway, with people standing outside.

Four men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a cot. They quickly realized they had no way of getting close to Jesus. So they carried the man and his cot up the outside stairs onto the roof. There, they made an opening by removing the tiles. When it was big enough, they lowered the man into the middle of the crowd and in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw the faith of the four men, he turned to the man on the cot, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

The religious rulers were shocked when they heard this. They thought, "How dare he say that! This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins."

Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, "Why are you so troubled? It would've been easy for me to say, 'Get up and walk.' But you needed to know that the Son of Man has the authority to forgive sins."

He then said to the man, "Get up! Pick up your cot, and go home."

Immediately the man got up, picked up his cot, and walked out in front of everyone. People were amazed and glorified God. They said, "We've never seen anything like this before."