

Aug. 17/18, 2019

Dirty Dozen – The Paralytic

Review

Main Points

1. What we think we need
2. What we really need
3. Where we go to find both

Reflect

1. Have you (or someone you know) ever gone to the doctor for one thing but found out there was a deeper problem? What happened?
2. **What we think we need. Read Mark 2:1-4.**
 - What was Jesus doing when His real-life object lesson dropped in (verse 2)? Do you think it was a surprise to him?
 - The paralytic's friends did a "mission impossible" feat to get what they thought he needed. What are some "if only" things you have pursued and what did you learn?
3. **What we really need. Read Mark 2:5 and Romans 6:23.**
 - How does sin cripple us spiritually?
 - How does a person become "well" spiritually? How does the goldfish example apply to spiritual well-being?
4. **Where we go to find both. Read Mark 2:6-12 and Mark 2:13-17.**
 - What do Jesus' answers to the paralytic and the Pharisees show that He knows about the human heart?
 - What does the Pharisees' answer reveal about where they looked for spiritual healing? What are other wrong places people look today?

Respond

Read Isaiah 53:4-6 and consider Jesus' question – "which is easier?" How can you respond to the love and grace Jesus showed you at the cross? Is there an area where you have drifted from the real source of life and joy?

Pray

Ask for prayer requests from your group and pray together.

Announcements

Members Meeting – August 25 or 28

Whether it's been a bit since you first became a member, or you're brand new to the family, plan to be at one of the two upcoming Members Meetings to receive some CCC family updates and be challenged on what it means to be a member of the local church. Choose from one of two dates, Sun., Aug. 25 or Wed., Aug. 28, both from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Register for which date you plan to attend, childcare provided.

Group Serve Opportunity – Anytime

Pregnancy Solutions, one of our amazing local ministry partners, is in need of replacing the carpeting that is in their mobile ultrasound van with flexible vinyl flooring. This is a great opportunity for a community group or family to make a huge impact and bless an amazing ministry partner! CCC has funds to cover the cost of the flooring. We just need a small group to step forward and serve! If you are interested in learning more about this one-time service project, please contact Joy@pregsolutions.org.