



JESUS ON THE MOVE

TALK IT OVER

Jesus And Faith

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the document.

Scriptures

1 Samuel 14:6 (NIV); Mark 2:1-12 (NIV)

Questions

1. Jonathan says in 1 Samuel 14:6, “Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf.”—it doesn’t demand outcomes, but it fully trusts God’s ability. Where do you need to change your perspective from certainty or control into “Perhaps God”?
2. In Mark 2:1–12, we see four friends who refuse to let obstacles stop them from getting their friend to Jesus—even if it meant tearing a hole through a roof. When have obstacles like fear, doubt, or inconvenience kept you from stepping out in faith? What would it look like for you to adopt a “Perhaps God...” mindset in that situation and push through anyway?
3. The friends brought the man for a physical healing, but Jesus immediately addressed a spiritual issue. What does this tell us about what Jesus views as our greatest need versus what we often perceive as our greatest need? What would it look like for you to boldly bring your needs—or someone else’s needs—to Jesus without hesitation?
4. The text says, “When Jesus saw *their* faith...”— not just the paralyzed man’s faith, but the faith of his friends. Who are the people in your life that need you to carry their mat to Jesus right now—through prayer, encouragement, or action? What is one practical way you can help set the stage for Jesus to move in someone else’s life?

5. Every faith opportunity comes with obstacles—crowds, limitations, opinions, and internal struggles. Looking at this story, which obstacle do you tend to face the most: external barriers or internal ones like fear and insecurity?
6. Jesus wasn't bothered by the interruption—in fact, He welcomed it. The text doesn't say, "When Jesus saw the gaping hole in the roof..." It says, "When Jesus saw *their faith*..." The spectacle is what got the *crowd's* attention, but the invisible posture of their hearts (their faith) is what got *Jesus's* attention. He is just as captivated by a quiet, unseen act of faith as He is by a loud one. What does this passage reveal about who Jesus is?
7. This passage shows a partnership: the friends believed, acted, and trusted—and Jesus responded in His authority and will. Looking at your own faith journey, which part do you tend to struggle with most: believing, acting, asking, or trusting? How can you grow in that area while still surrendering the outcome to Jesus and His perfect will? Who are your friends that help carry you closer to Jesus when you are struggling? How can faith be a "team effort"?
8. Who are you believing for this Easter season that they will come to know Christ? What is your part in getting them in the room?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*