



Rip The Roof Off | Jimmy Rollins | 3.17.19
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

What was your favorite part about the snow storm this week?

SHARE

This week we had Pastor Jimmy Rollins preach through the story in Mark 2 where four friends cut a hole in a roof to get their hurting friend to Jesus! It was a timely message for our church. It was also a call to action for our community, especially life groups to remember the importance of carrying our brothers and sisters when they are in need and helping them grow closer to Jesus. So, let's spend some time applying it to our personal lives today!

But before we get there, take some time to check in with your group by answering this question.

If you had to describe your week in three words, which three would you choose? Explain why you picked each word.

G R O W

Read Mark 2:1-12

How do you think you would you react if you witnessed this event first hand?

Why do you think the Pharisees have such a problem with Jesus healing this man?

This must have been one of the more socially awkward moments in history. Jesus is inside a packed house that is entirely out of space. But four friends care so much about their hurting friend that they refuse to take no for an answer. Instead of giving up on seeing Jesus, they climb to the top of the house, cut a hole in the roof, and lower their friend down. Jesus is so moved by the faith of the man's friends that He heals him, forgives his sins, and completely restores his life!

The greatest obstacle standing in the way of this miracle was not the man's brokenness; the greatest obstacle was the crowd of people all huddled together ignoring his needs. As Jimmy pointed out this weekend, "the doors were shut to broken people, because of the broken people who forgot that they used to be broken." In other words, the place was packed full of people who were so comfortable where they were that they stopped making room for the sick. This is SUCH an important message. As God continues to work through Red Rocks Church, we all need constant reminders that our job is to make room for everyone!

Our church exists to make heaven more crowded. Which means, as amazing as our weekend experience is, it is merely the pep rally to go out into the world and make disciples! You have someone at your job, your school, your coffee shop, or your favorite restaurant who needs to know how much Jesus loves them.

This week you have an opportunity to be like the friends in the story and show them that Jesus loves them!

This thought may scare you. It may seem impossible that anything good could come from this, but remember Jesus wasn't responding to the man on his mat, he was responding to the faith of the man's friends (v. 5). This week let's take some steps of faith and see what God

does!

Who is one person, couple or family in your life who wouldn't usually come to church?

What would it look like to take one radical step of faith to show them how much Jesus loves them this week?

M O V E

Moving forward requires taking massive steps of faith! For the paralyzed man to receive his healing, his friends had to overcome some serious obstacles. They had to rip the roof off! This week Jimmy pointed out four lids (roofs) that keep us and those we love from Jesus. Here is a quick reminder:

1. The Lid of Complacency
2. The Lid of Compromise
3. The Lid of Capacity
4. The Lid of Constriction

Which of these four lids do you resonate with the most? Which lid do you need to work to tear off and what practical step can you take in the right direction this week?

Read Mark 2:13-17

Immediately after the event at the house, Jesus invited a tax collector named Levi (Matthew)

to follow him. Not surprisingly, the religious leaders didn't like that at all and had some strong words for Jesus. But Jesus responds, "it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17).

If our goal is to make heaven more crowded, we must be willing to go to the broken, the hurting, the outcasts, and the sick. But if we are honest, that is not always easy. It is a lot easier to just ignore the people on the margins and remain in this pseudo-reality of comfort we surround ourselves with. If we are going to move forward, we are going to need COMPASSION! As Jimmy reminded us this weekend, "When people's pain becomes our passion, we start moving in purpose." Trying to help people without actually caring about them is exhausting. However, when we start to care about people, we naturally begin making room in our lives for those who tend to be ignored.

This week, let's pray for two specific things:

- 1. Pray that God would increase our compassion for the lost and the hurting.**
- 2. Pray that God would give us the awareness of the many opportunities to reach out to the lost.**

P R A Y

As you spend some time praying for each other this week, consider taking the filter off your request. What is really on your heart? What do you really need help with? How are you really feeling about God and about life?

If you are in a coed group, consider breaking up into men and women's groups to share more freely.

T O G O

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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