

WEEK 1 April 25 & 26 Wreck the Roof

This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before you use the study with your life group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own before your group meets. The purpose of this guide is to help facilitate discussion and to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.

As a note: If you have questions related to Humble & Hungry, please feel free to submit them to humbleandhungry@tpcc.org. Our pastors or staff are available to help answer any questions you may have.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Humble & Hungry is about multiplying disciples and reaching those who are disconnected from Jesus and His Church. It's a core value for us as a church—we humbly respond to the gospel of grace, and we're hungry because we're called to the Great Commission set in place by Jesus (Matthew 28).

MAIN TEXT

Mark 2:1-12

GETTING STARTED

Think of a time in your life when someone was very generous toward you. Share with the group.

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1. Read Mark 2:1-12 out loud as a group. What barriers initially prevented the paralytic man from getting close to Jesus? What did the men who were carrying him decide to do?
- 2. What risks did these four men take so that the paralytic man could see Jesus? As a church, what can we learn from their example as we prepare to add multiple locations? Describe how you typically handle change when it comes (examples: initiate it,

- follow quickly, need all the facts before jumping in, or avoid change altogether).
- 3. In this passage, there are three primary attitudes represented: the paralytic man who was open and willing; the friends who were innovative, bold, and courageous; and the religious elite who were skeptical. Be honest: which category best describes your mindset toward adding multiple locations?
- 4. Think back to your conversion and continued growth in Christ. Who did God place in your life who was bold, courageous, or innovative enough to introduce you to Jesus? How did he or she remove barriers for you?
- 5. In your life, who is your "paralytic man"? (i.e. Who are you chasing after? Who are you concerned for? Who do you have a burden for—that he or she might encounter Jesus—but there are some barriers that stand in the way?) Share his or her name with the group and write his or her name down.
- 6. We were saved from something, for something. As we prepare for multisite, we will need all hands on deck. How can your family intentionally and sacrificially contribute time, effort, and resources toward this initiative, either at a new location or the current one? What excites you about it? Does anything hold you back?

NEXT STEPS

Leader testimony

Pray for wisdom and ask God to reveal to all of you how you can contribute to this initiative. Also pray for the "paralytic man" mentioned earlier, and ask that the barriers that keep him or her from Jesus be broken.