

## CHANGE

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

Every person has a unique story! Every person's story connects with the grander story God is writing throughout history. There are some whose stories are wholeheartedly connected to God as followers of Jesus. There are those whose stories are disconnected from God. What if those whose stories are connected were fully engaged in connecting the stories of those who aren't connected to God to invite them into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?

### READ MARK 2:1-12

- What's your favorite story and why do you like it so much?
- Why do you think the news spread quickly about Jesus being in Capernaum?
- How would you describe the relationship between the four men and the paralytic?
- Why do you think the four men were willing to carry the paralytic to the house where Jesus was?
- In what ways would it have been easy for the four men to give up when they couldn't get through the door of the house?
- Why would these four men go to such great lengths to connect the paralytic with Jesus?
- Why does Jesus not address the man's physical condition – which was the reason he was brought in the first place?
- How would you describe the attitude and response of the Jewish religious leaders?
- What do you conclude about Jesus meeting the physical need in response to the skepticism of the Jewish religious leaders? What does that say about his authority and identity?
- What are some of the differences this encounter with Jesus made in the paralytic man's life?
- How would you describe the impact of this encounter on the people gathered at the house that day?
- What next step will you take to connect with someone whose story needs to be connected to following Jesus?